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A DOUBLE LOSS

U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, shown holding a young child during a visit to a Sudanese refugee camp last April, died Aug. 7 in a plane crash in western Ethiopia. Jewish philanthropist Ivan Tillem, who was invited by Leland to accompany him on the trip, was also killed. Both Leland and Tillem were known for their work with Ethiopian Jews and their efforts to enhance Black-Jewish relations.

Weekend of violence

Palestinian strike is a success

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The head of the West Bank village of Kafr Lakif, near Tulkarm, was gunned down near his home and a resident of Rafah, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip, was murdered last weekend.

Both victims were believed targeted for collaborating with the Israeli authorities.

The slain man in Rafah reportedly had refused to hand over his magnetized identification card to activists in the Palestinian uprising.

The new ID cards, which every Gaza Strip worker must produce before he is allowed to go to his job in Israel, have aroused fierce resentment.

The leadership of the Palestinian uprising circulated directives last week ordering Gaza laborers to stay away from work in Israel for a week beginning Friday, when the cards became mandatory.

The strike was generally effective. Only a few hundred card-holders crossed into Israel at the Erez checkpoint Sunday. But another thousand applied for new ID cards.

The Israeli authorities believe the strike will fade before the week is over, because the Palestinians need their paychecks.

In Ramallah, the situation has been tense since two Israeli tax collectors were severely burned by a firebomb while driving to work there Aug. 14.

The atmosphere worsened over the weekend, after the body of 15-year-old Amjad Jibril Tawil was discovered by a shepherd Friday, in the industrial zone of the nearby town of El-Bireh.

Palestinians went on a general strike and army units were rushed to keep order.

Jibril had been missing since Wednesday. He was staying with relatives, the Tawils, who are one of the most respected families in Ramallah.

Family members say the body had a gunshot wound in the chest, broken teeth and burn-marks on hands, face and chest. They insist he was in the custody of the Israel Defence Force.

They base that claim on rumors that "someone who resembled the boy" was seen apprehended by soldiers. But an IDF spokesperson said Jibril was not held by the army.

Tawil is a U.S. citizen, having been born in Denver and raised in Miami, where his father, Hussein Tawil, presently lives.

The American Consulate in East Jerusalem and the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv have made inquiries in the case.

In Jerusalem meanwhile, local police Cmdr. Arye Bibi announced that an 18-year-old resident of Bethlehem is in custody for stabbing a soldier, Mordechai Kahane, opposite the Jerusalem City Hall over the weekend.

Kahane, who is a nephew of Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the extremist Kach movement, said he was assaulted along the walls of the Old City while walking home from basic training with the Golani Brigade.

The cabinet was briefed at its regular meeting on the status of the Palestinian uprising, now in its 21st month.

Officials attributed the latest flare-up to a resolution adopted by Al Fatah at its recent convention in Tunis, to escalate the armed struggle against Israel. Fatah is the largest and least extreme faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Charles Beer prepares to deal with Ontario social issues

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Ontario's Ministry of Community and Social Services may not seem the safest place for a newcomer to the provincial cabinet to make his mark, but political veteran Charles Beer is looking forward to the challenges this "creative" portfolio offers.

"I think anybody who gets involved in politics enjoys challenges," said Beer, MPP for York North, who was appointed minister of community and social services, as well as minister responsible for francophone affairs, in the recent cabinet shuffle.

"I'm very excited about the appointment. It involves a lot of dealing with people and listening to their concerns and trying to respond by improving what we are doing."

First elected to the legislature in the 1987 provincial election which saw the ruling Liberals returned with a massive majority, Beer soon after was named chairman of the select committee on constitutional reform which studied the Meech Lake Accord.

Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services Charles Beer [Graphic Artists photo]

While this committee recommended the accord be ratified, it set out a number of specific recommendations regarding native issues, multiculturalism and charter rights.

Beer stressed that while the Meech Lake Accord may not have been perfect, no constitutional arrangement is.

"Given we are a federation, no one province's vision or political party's vision of what the country ought to look like is going to be acceptable to everybody," said Beer. "However I think Meech was a positive response to try and deal with the question of bringing Quebec into the 1982 Constitutional agreement."

If Meech Lake does not get implemented, Beer predicted that there are bound to be some "implications which won't be very positive for the country."

With his initial legislative responsibilities completed, Beer was appointed parliamentary assistant to the minister of education in 1988 and, in 1989, became part of the Premier's executive council.

Even before his successful election in 1987, Beer said he was involved in political activity. He was special assistant to the Ontario Advisory Committee on Confederation in the fields

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Negotiations continuing

Labor dispute at the Post

VANCOUVER — Even if there is a work stoppage at the Jerusalem Post, the paper will continue to publish, says David Radler, the Post's chairman, who resides in Vancouver.

Radler is president of Hollinger, the Canadian company which bought the Post last June.

A "labor dispute" was declared against the Post by its employees over plans of publisher and president Yehuda Levy to discharge 69 employees, including 24 journalists, as a cost-saving measure. The Post's deficit presently stands at $835,000, according to Levy.

Israeli law calls for a 14-day cooling-off period following the declaration of a labor dispute. The cooling-off period expired last Monday without incident as negotiations continued.

David Radler

Early deadline

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Sept. 7 issue of The CJN will go to press earlier than usual.

Editorial deadline for the issue is Mon., Aug. 28 in Toronto.

Advertising deadlines are: Tuesday noon, Aug. 29 for classified and organizations and Wednesday noon, Aug. 30 for display retail.

Hammer goes to Poland to discuss convent issue

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Zevulun Hammer, Israel's minister for religious affairs, is on an official visit to Poland, where he is hoping, he said, to deal, among other things, with the vexing question of the Carmelite convent on the grounds of the former Auschwitz death camp.

It is an issue that has seriously strained Jewish-Catholic relations. Hammer said before leaving Ben-Gurion Airport that he had already discussed the matter with his Polish ministerial counterpart and would continue the discussions face-to-face.

He said he hoped that the convent and other matters could be resolved regardless of changes that might take place in the Polish Ministry of Religion or the Warsaw government as a whole.

The Israeli minister is visiting Poland at a time of momentous political events — the formation of that country's first non-Communist-led government in 40 years.

Israel and Poland now have rudimentary diplomatic relations in the form of interest sections in Warsaw and Tel Aviv respectively.

Hammer noted that as a result of discussions he has had, a rabbi from Israel has taken up residence in Warsaw, where he serves as spiritual leader to a Polish Jewish community various-

Zevulun Hammer

ly estimated at between 5,000 and 15,000 people.

Coinciding with Hammer's visit to Poland is a visit by four Knesset members and by a group of "Mengele twins" and their relatives. Both groups will visit the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

"Mengele twins" are survivors of barbarous medical experiments performed on Auschwitz inmates by the notorious Dr. Josef Mengele.

World-National

Neo-Nazis need to be watched

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Canada has had its neo-Nazi rally in Minden, Ont. Fortunately it did not amount to much. The Beatty groups, skinheads and their hangers-on don't appeal to a lot of people, who prefer their prejudices in more acceptable packages. But no one denies that the extremists come out of the woodwork only because they believe that somewhere there is groundswell of xenophobic discontent on which they can build. Which is to say that the persistent presence of anti-semitism which runs below the social surface gives them encouragement to pursue their activities.

Rabbi Plaut

So of course, we need to watch them and the whole fabric in which they grow and operate, but at the same time we don't draw unwarranted conclusions or draw parallels with the Germany of the '20s and '30s. This is a different world and needs to be assessed differently.

Marginal growth of anti-semitism

The Jarrow Institute for Latin America, a division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, has been performing a most valuable service in keeping an eye on similar developments to the south of us. The reports we are getting show that there is a marginal growth of extremist anti-semitic groups. Even in *Brazil*, which is a traditionally integrated society, they have surfaced and, in fact, in larger numbers than heretofore suspected. The latest slogan is: "The Amazon is ours — get out, Jewish ecologists!" (This is in response to the worldwide demand that Brazil curb its destruction of the rain forest.) But there is also an up-beat side: Rabbi Henry Sobel of Sao Paolo reports that the interfaith movement is growing and finding widespread acceptance.

Here's a run-down of some other countries:

Paraguay. The government still has to fulfill its promise to expel two Nazi war criminals, Kowalchuk and Theodorovich.

Fears grow of old alliance

Argentina. There, anti-semitism has had a chequered career, and now — with the reinstatement of a Peronist president — there is some fear that the old alliance of ultra-nationalists and Jew-baiters may be in favor with the Peronistas. Anti-semitic jeers were quite in evidence at a recent rally in Buenos Aires which was attended by some 1,000 people. The daily *La Prensa* noted the repeated shout of "Death to the atheists, Marxists and radical synagogue!" (Incidentally, it was just 100 years ago that the first Jewish settlers, who established today's communities, arrived at Argentina's shores.)

Chile. The centenary of Hitler's birth was celebrated by a coalition of neo-Nazis and Holocaust-deniers — a combination which is a "natural." The Chilean press gave a goodly amount of coverage to a rally staged by these groups, but declared them to be marginal.

Venezuela. The Catholic newspaper *La Religion*, published a virulently anti-semitic article which based itself on nothing less than the *Protocoals of the Elders of Zion.* But in response, Archbishop Lebrun repudiated the article and expressed his apologies to the Jewish community. Also, Ruth Lerner, a former minister of education, was appointed as ambassador to UNESCO.

Good news department. The most encouraging news comes from the growing relations which various Latin American countries continue to have with Israel. Among the visitors to Jerusalem were the Argentine minister of defence; the mayor of Lima, Peru; and the First Lady of Guatemala. As always, Costa Rica shines by its close relationship with Israel and by the tranquility of its Jewish population.

Palestinians ignoring leaders' directives

Intifada said to be losing momentum

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Suddenly, a spot of light has illuminated the dark street running from Mount Scopus to the French Hill neighborhood in Jerusalem.

The falafel stand is back.

For years the little stand had served up what some called the best falafel in town to Hebrew University students living in the dormitories across the street.

But then came the intifada, and its leaders' strictly enforced demand that Arab-owned businesses close at noon for a daily protest strike.

At first, the Arab owners of the stand tried to be clever and ignore the orders. But after seeing one too many other Arab businesses become the victim of mysteriously set fires, they closed the stand down.

Recently, it was open again, at 6 p.m. — an open challenge to a Palestinian nationalist with a can of gasoline and a book of matches.

Was the intifada over, or were the rules changing?

The vendor looked slightly embarrassed when a longtime customer asked the question, as if he had failed his customers by obeying the orders of the uprising leadership.

The customer would not let it go. "Have you received permission to reopen?" he asked pointedly.

The man continued smiling. "Well, sort of," he answered, obviously not anxious to go into details.

The reopening of the falafel stand is symbolic of other changes taking place in the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising. The intifada may not yet have died out, but its leaders' hold on the rank and file is showing definite signs of weakening..

Besides the falafel stand, shops, especially in remote villages, are beginning to stay open after noon, in defiance of the partial commercial strike in the territories and East Jerusalem.

Schools have been reopened by the Israeli authorities, with little interference from Palestinian nationalists. More and more Arab workers circumvent the frequent general strike days by simply staying overnight at their work places.

Many plants, such as a large Jerusalem bakery, have rented apartments for their workers, so that they do not have to return home daily.

Two factors seemed to have brought about this change: the sharp drop in the standard of living caused by the frequent strikes, and the fact that more and more Jewish employers are seeking to replace their Arab workers with Jews, even if they have to pay more.

Several prominent Palestinians, most of whom refuse to identify themselves, have confirmed recently that the intifada is changing colors.

Daoud Kuttab, a Palestinian journalist who spoke openly to reporters, said that the intifada has reached a state in which people are more interested in political developments than in violence.

They watch with interest developments like the recent convention of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Al Fatah faction in Tunis, and the growing number of meetings Palestinians are having with Americans and Israelis.

Kuttab explained that the reopening of the schools in the West Bank went smoothly, because "there was a decision not to give the Israelis any pretext to close the schools" again.

Leaders of the uprising are concerned that the intifada is losing momentum and that its rules are no longer strictly obeyed.

Merchants in Ramallah convened recently to discuss ways and means to bolster "national discipline."

Among the resolutions of the meeting were a call for tougher measures against vendors who do not obey the rules of the general strikes, greater cooperation with a ban on paying Israeli taxes and an effort to encourage local manufacturers to bring down their prices for the benefit of the local popuilation.

Leaflets distributed in Ramallah stressed the importance of observing the general strike rules and the need to boycott Israeli goods.

The actual call was seen as an indication that things were no longer running according to the orders of the uprising leadership.

Arens on Soviet TV

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Moshe Arens became the first Israeli foreign minister to be interviewed by Soviet TV when he told visiting Soviet correspondent Yevgeny Kiselev last week that "total diplomatic agreement" should not be a precondition for the restoration of diplomatic ties.

The first move should be made by the Soviet Union since it cut off relations in 1967, Arens said.

He presented Israel's position on relations with Palestinians, but was not asked about hostages in Lebanon or about Soviet Jews.

Availability of abortion drug now takes on new urgency

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

In the wake of the Webster decision, as one state after another takes a second look at its abortion laws, people in search of a safe harbor for legal abortion have turned to ask the same question. What about that pill? The French pill. The abortion pill. What about that?

Those who heard Justice Blackmun's warning — "a chill wind blows" — are talking about taking abortion into their own hands, literally. Can't technology make the law irrelevant or impossible to enforce? Can't women win from the pharmaceutical labs what might be lost in courts or legislatures?

Even those who had experienced the luxury of ambivalence, who had worried that such a pill would make abortion TOO easy, now look to it as they see the spectre of clinic doors closing. What, after all, could be more truly private than taking a pill? How could a state control swallowing?

At last, RU-486 — the drug that sounds like a licence plate — has moved into a central spot in the abortion debate.

This very day, in France, about a hundred women in the earliest days and weeks of pregnancy will go to a clinic and take three small doses of mifepristone, an anti-progesterone. They will return for a shot of prostaglandin. And in 95 per cent of the cases, the fertilized egg will be sloughed off the wall of the uterus.

But RU-486 is nowhere near the American market. In the United States, only one hospital even has access to the drug for abortion research.

For the moment, the company that owns RU-486 has refused to distribute it. Roussell-Uclaf, the developer of the drug, is controlled by the giant international firm, Hoechst. As a descendant of the German company that produced cyanide for the Nazi death camps, Hoechst has been lobbied hard by pro-life leaders and has been frightened by rhetoric about "chemical warfare against the unborn" and by threats of boycotts of other products.

Indeed, RU-486 was briefly withdrawn from France last fall. It was only returned when the French health minister ordered it back on the market, saying: "Morally, this product belongs to women."

By now some 12,000 French women have used it. But Hoechst has ruled that it won't market RU-486 elsewhere, not even to the Third World where as many as 200,000 women a year die from botched self-inflicted abortions. As Joanne Howes, a political consultant, muses: "They are simply unused to all this noise. They get 10 letters and think there's an outcry." Virtually all the pressure on Hoechst has been from pro-lifers; but like much else in the abortion debate, that is changing.

Even if the Germans were willing to export RU-486, not a single American drug company is known to have asked the FDA for permission to market it or to test and distribute its chemical look-alikes. Companies that aren't frightened by reproductive liability suits have been scared off by politics.

Not surprisingly, the recent summit meeting of pro-life leaders issued a statement specifically proscribing abortion "through the administration of a drug." If their view — that a fertilized egg is a human life — becomes law, then RU-486, along with the IUD and certain birth-control pills, would be illegal.

What has changed, however, is the focus of pro-choice forces. As NOW Vice-President Patricia Ireland said, "In the light of the Supreme Court, it becomes increasingly important that we look at the options that won't require an abortion facility."

It is equally important, Ireland added, that women use such a drug under supervision and not through a haphazard, dangerous black market likely to emerge. So, NOW has begun work to get the drug into the country, either through an established company or, if necessary, by organizing a new company.

Among the many ironies here is the medical one. RU-486 is a known treatment for Cushing's disease and endometriosis. It's being tested now for breast cancer. A ban against the drug could indeed pit the "unborn life" against the born.

Inside Congress, there is a pro-life bill to prevent the FDA from approving RU-486 for use. Outside, there is a growing pro-choice pressure group of Americans who believe what the French minister said: that RU-486 is the moral property of women.

The abortion conflict is simply sprung out of the judicial arena. Today politics and chemistry make a volatile mixture. The new struggle is to see if RU-486 can do what the law once promised: make early abortions a truly private decision.

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Treads where few have dared

Drache book focuses on Chassidic community

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Ottawa writer Sharon Drache, in her first novel, has trod where few would dare.

The title of her new book, Ritual Slaughter, is provocative in itself. It's about a reclusive chassidic sect living north of Montreal that has sealed itself off from the outside world and slavishly adheres to its customs.

This could have been the basis of a story about what makes people continue to live in such a way in the late 20th century. Instead, Drache has used the book to disclose what she sees as a simmering discontent in such communities, especially among the women with their subordinate role.

Drache writes about illicit sex, apostasy, suicide and a strange relationship with a non-Jew among the most Orthodox of Jews. The practice of 'family purity' laws are detailed; women are portrayed as virtual slaves to their menstrual cycles, guilt-ridden by the slightest hint that they may not be clean enough for men.

Drache, who considers herself a feminist and Orthodox (albeit of the modern variety), resents the way women are treated in chassidic communities, believing Judaism does not have to denigrate women and when it does, (male) rabbis' responsa, rather than the Torah, is more to blame.

Readers may assume the book is a thinly disguised fictionalization of the Tasher chassidic community in Boisbriand, north of Montreal. But Drache emphasized, in an interview, that the book — which she has been working on for several years and which has gone through a number of revisions — is a "composite" of chassidic communities she has visited in New York, Israel, England and the Montreal area.

She has also made sure the book is authentic in its description of chassidic practices and beliefs, Drache said.

Ritual Slaughter, published by Quarry Press, is the second book in the Kingston publishing house's New Canadian Novelists series.

Drache, 46, who works as a freelance literary journalist, earlier published a collection of short stories titled The Mikveh Man.

Ritual Slaughter is set in the fictional chassidic community of Datschlav, transplanted from a Polish town of the same name and led by its dynastic Rebbe Mendel Yehuda Kasarkofski. The story opens with the return of Baruch (now Bartholomew, an artist living in New York), the prodigal son of the community's shochet, at the time of his father's mysterious death.

However, most of the story concerns his sister Faigele, a woman of unusual independent thought. Faigele is a beauty, a fact not lost on the rebbe nor on the debonair, Harvard-educated French-Canadian, Richard Vincennes, who sells his family's property to the chassidim, with the stipulation that he be allowed to live in his own home in Datschlav.

Sharon Drache

Faigele becomes Vincennes' secretary and soon his lover — with the sanction, even encouragement, of the rebbe. For 10 years, Faigele, a married woman with two children, openly has an affair with Vincennes at his Datschlav home before flying the coop with her gentile companion.

There's more blasphemy: the rebbe himself, at least once, has a sexual dalliance with Faigele.

Vincennes introduces Faigele's father — the shochet — to the finer aspects of the secular world, bringing him in books, liquor, even fine cigars.

The "ritual slaughter" is the shochet's, by his own hand with a butcher knife on the abbatoir floor.

Whether Vincennes is a villain or savior in this story is in the eye of the reader. Another influence from the outside world is Fiona Shields, Baruch's Jewish but non-chassidic girlfriend, who can't understand the chassidim's isolationism and attitude to women.

Drache says the novel is "the story of a woman's (Faigele's) spiritual odyssey" and her brother's and father's "voyage to self-discovery." She insists she is not being judgmental of a relatively small group of people who do not ask that anyone else follow their way of life, and says, in fact, she admires much in chassidism, seeing it as a vestige of original Judaism.

She points to the shochet's suicide as evidence secularism does not mean happiness.

Faigele, she says, wants to be free of the stifling life in Datschlav, but does not want to abandon Judaism. "In the Datschlaver sect, rigid interpretation of certain aspects of Jewish law takes precedence over spiritual intention."

Drache insists the book is not hard on Judaism per se; rather, it takes issue with the restrictions rabbinical authorities have placed on women in how they may practice Judaism.

"Faigele finds her way from what she believes is archaic to what she trusts as living Judaism."

Drache does not anticipate outrage from the ultra-Orthodox, not that many are likely to read the book. At a reading in Ottawa, Drache said two religious women came ready for an argument, but left mollified after Drache explained her position. Ritual Slaughter, she said, should not be read too literally.

Drache hopes the book will spark a "healthy debate" on what Judaism is and how Jews should live in a non-Jewish society.

Portrayal of Orthodox Jews misses in Ritual Slaughter

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Sex, greed, exorcism, the oppression of women, suicide — Sharon Drache's Ritual Slaughter has all the ingredients to be a first-class read.

Only it isn't.

One looks for insight into French-Canadian/Jewish relations, the interrelationships and personalities of members of a small, isolated sect, even into Orthodoxy, all subjects promised not only in promotional material for the book, but by Drache herself in media interviews.

Regrettably, these features are only hinted at.

Ritual Slaughter deals with the fictional, stringent chassidic Datschaver sect and its rebbe, Mendel Yehuda Kasarkofski. In his zeal to save his followers from assimilation not only into the surrounding Christian culture, but into mainstream Judaism as well, he purchases land north of Montreal from Richard Vincennes, a French-Canadian businesman.

At the urging of the shochet, Judah Leib, Vincennes is permitted to live adjacent to the community, so that he can help the group take over the existing abbatoir and turn it into an extremely successful business.

The rebbe has already inexplicably allowed Judah Leib's son Baruch to paint, an activity forbidden to Datschavers.

Now, he allows the shochet's daughter Faigele, about whom he has decidedly unplatonic feelings, to become Vincennes' secretary and mistress.

Vincennes seduces Judah Leib and Faigele into the heady world of literature, art, and, in Faigele's case, fashion.

The denouement begins when Baruch, who has left the community to become an artist in New York(in the process changing his name to Bartholomew) returns to Montreal to attend his lover Fiona's art exhibition and decides to visit his family.

To his horror, he discovers that his father has just died, in a bizarre accident, supposedly, on the slaughterhouse floor.

At this point, all the conflicting elements in the situation ought to come together. Drache, however, doesn't seem to be sure just how to do this.

To be sure, there are some highly effective vignettes, which, more than the book as a whole, show the claustrophobic nature of the Datschaver way of life.

Especially poignant are Baruch's young sister Hannah wistfully watching the child Fiona play in the snow, which she is soon forbidden to do, and Faigele's niece telling career woman Fiona that she would never dream of being one herself; that when the rebbe chooses her husband she will have even more children than her mother did.

The flow of the narrative is constantly interrupted by detailed descriptions of the minutae of the laws of "family purity." (These laws govern sexual relations within traditionally observant Jewish marriages.

This information might be helpful if it served to cast a light on the Datschaver community's need to keep itself separate from outsiders, or even on those Jews, chassidic or not, who observe these religious laws.

Since, however, these rituals are presented only from the point of view of those who don't practice them, or through Faigele, who lives, to say the least, a non-traditional life for a Datschaver woman, they act as unpleasant interludes, — an excuse, apparently, for Drache to vent her own hostility to them.

Characterization is poor. The main figures, Faigele, Baruch, Richard, Judah Leib and the rebbe, are cardboard. Sexual kinks notwithstanding, they lack both motivation and passion.

The minor figures, interestingly enough, are more rounded and satisfying.

One would like to know how Faigele felt about her special position in the community, as well as her family and friends' emotional reaction to her receiving unique privileges, not just their superstitious decision that she was the incarnation of a she-demon.

Fiona who comes to the community to be with Baruch, shows how far she has come from her own Orthodox roots by being horrified by the rules for checking one's state of ritual purity, and by going to visit the rebbe dressed in a manner she knows would cause offense, — and then virtually drops out of the narrative.

Does she adjust? Do people accept her? Does she stay with Baruch?

Drache never says why Vincennes deserves the exceptional rewards the rebbe gives him, why the rebbe allows Baruch to paint, and why Faigele makes her final decision — or even precisely what her decision entails.

She provides no explanation for the bizarrely unorthodox behavior of these supposedly most Orthodox of Jews.

Even many of the descriptions of Orthodox practice are plain and simply wrong. Jews, even religious ones, do not wear black when in mourning, and women sitting shiva would never be serving refreshments to those who came to comfort them.

To show them being comforted by the recital of Ayshet Chayil,(A woman of Valor) the song of praise for women said at the Sabbath table or at a woman's funeral, and the rabbi's wife singing the K'el Molei Rachamim to them is ludicrous.

And the rebbe blowing a shofar whenever he says a prayer for someone or when he makes a decision, enters the realm of the unintentionally humorous.

All of these failings would not be so major in what is, after all, a first novel, and a not entirely unsatisfactory one from the story-telling viewpoint at that.

Drache and her book, however, have become media darlings, purporting to expose the failings of Orthodoxy and its anti-feminist leanings. However, neither book nor author display enough knowledge of Orthodoxy to make their case credible.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: The Algemeiner Journal tells us about the storm in Israel around Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and his works. What's wrong with his works?

ANSWER: The Talmud, in Tractate Sanhedrin, 17a, states that if "All the members of the Sanhedrin agree that a criminal is guilty, he is set free." What is the reasoning behind this strange ruling which is so different from our jury system?

Rabbi Burak

A fine answer is found in the glosses of the Maharitz Chajes z.l. on this text. He states that a fair trial requires that there be not only a prosecutor, but an expert who will defend the criminal against even the most heinous of crimes.

If the defence is unable to convince even one member of the Sanhedrin that the defendant is innocent, the case lacks a proper defence attorney. There was a prosecutor at the trial, but the defence was absent. So, the man must be sent free.

In this heresy trial, the accused wasn't even there to defend himself. Then, there was no trial, and Steinsaltz is innocent. There is nothing wrong with him or his works.

Jewish history is replete with unsavory rulings. Maimonides' philosophic work, Moreh Nevuchim (The Guide to the Perplexed), was burned by the Dominicans after it was denounced by his opponents as an heretical work.

But the book is still being studied today. Its magnificent text is surrounded by the luminous commentaries, Shem Tov, Afodi, and Abarbanel. The Rema z.l. added a few of its lines to the opening paragraph of the Code, and from there it went even into the text of the Kitzur Shulchan 'Aruch.

If today there are some scholars who don't like Steinsaltz' philosophic works, in the days of the Talmud there were some scholars who didn't even approve of the Book of Ezekiel, as we are told in Tractate Shabbas, 13b:

"In truth, that man, Hananiah ben Hezekiah by name, is to be remembered for a blessing: but for him, the Book of Ezekiel would have been hidden, for its words contradicted the Torah. What did he do? Three hundred barrels of oil were taken up to him, and he sat in an upper chamber and reconciled them."

Talmud a blessing

But, who will do something to clear up the misunderstanding around the works of Steinsaltz? Let me state this: the Gaon Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz shlita is an eminent Talmudist. His accomplishments are immense. He should be revered by all. His Talmud is a blessing, and a work of genius.

Is it wrong to give us a vocalized Talmud with "pintellech?" Certainly not! The Gaon Rabbi Chaim Ozer z.t.l. of Vilna authorized the publication of Tractate Gittin with vowel pointings.

Chief Rabbi Unterman z.t.l. gave his imprimatur to the publication of Tractate Betsa, in Israel. The volume had a vocalized text for the Aramaic, a complete translation and commentary, plus questions on each page to check the students' comprehension of the text.

Several volumes of Hatalmud Hamenukad were printed in Tel Aviv decades ago; my copy of Tractate Shabbas was published there in 1956. Again there was no outcry; but there were too few purchasers, and after a few volumes, publication ceased.

Perhaps that's what is wrong with the work of Rav Steinsaltz shlita; his work flourishes, and the volumes role on. His work and his commentaries are pure genius. There are Ramim who use them before giving their she'urim in Yeshivas. When his Tractate Berachos was published in 1967, I bought a copy. When his Tractate Shabbas came out, I gave it as a present to friends for their Simchas.

Let all opponents remember this: 40 days after the Rambam's Moreh Nebuchim was burned by the Dominicans, they burned the whole Talmud. Fires spread, and forests are destroyed. After those two fires, Rabbi Yonah Gerundi z.t.l., revered as a saint, made this statement in the synagogues of Paris, Montpellier, and Barcelona:

"I am smitten with shame and remorse that I opened my mouth against our holy master, Moses ben Maimon, and his writings. I hereby confess with all my heart that Moses and his teachings are true; that we are the deceivers."

Israel may trade land

Shas leader gives peace position

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Sephardic sage Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has publicly confirmed his halachic position, whereby Israel as a matter of principle may relinquish territory in return for peace.

But in a lecture in Jerusalem, the former chief rabbi and present-day spiritual mentor of the Shas Party declined to issue a formal halachic "psak" or ruling to this effect, "since it is not presently practicable."

The lecture, which opened the annual Oral Law Study conference here at the Mossad Harav Kook, climaxed a fortnight of intense controversy and speculation in religious and political circles following Yosef's meeting in Egypt last month with President Hosni Mubarak.

Yosef had told the Egyptian leader that, in Jewish law, the value of saving lives could supersede the value of retaining all of the Holy Land.

Yosef repeated this theme in his lecture, citing copiously from Talmudic and halachic sources.

Part of his comments, shown on television, made front-page news in all the national press. Political commentators believe his remarks could impact on the political thinking of important sections of the populace, both in Shas and beyond, where Yosef is regarded as the foremost religious leader of the age.

Yosef has been strongly supported by Minister of Interior Arye Deri, who is known to favor a Shas alliance with Labor rather than Likud. Deri travelled with Yosef to Egypt, and he attended the rabbi's lecture and was seen vigorously applauding.

Yosef, Deri and the conference organizers were criticized by right-wing politicians.

Rabbi Haim Druckman, of the National Religious Party, noted that the two chief rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapiro, had not been invited to deliver addresses, which itself was a slight.

Eliahu and Shapiro recently issued a joint halachic ruling to the effect that it is forbidden for Israel to cede territory in the Holy Land, even in order to save life.

Geula Cohen of Tehiya, in angry comments, went as far as to link Yosef's position to the terror attack in Ramallah on Monday morning.

Cohen noted that Yosef had said that the Jews did not really exercise control over the Arab cities in Judea and Samaria. "Our enemies are encouraged by such statements to take action demonstrating their validity," Cohen said bitterly.

The head of Mossad Harav Kook, former minister Yitzhak Raphael of the National Religious Party, rejected the criticism, pointing out that thousands of persons had flocked to hear Rabbi Yosef's lecture.

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef

Yosef told the audience that he had consulted with four leading generals-turned-politicians over the security aspects of the territorial question while preparing his lecture. They were Yitzhak Rabin, minister of defence, Ezer Weizman, minister without portfolio (both Labor), Rafael Eitan of Tsomet and Rehayam Ze'evi of Moledet.

Yosef described their differing views as to the strategic importance of the territories in this age of missiles.

It was not for him, he said, to judge between them. "Just as in medical matters, we seek the advice of doctors who are the experts in that field," he said.

In Yosef's talks with Mubarak, the Egyptian leader had warned of the increasing military strength of Syria and Iraq, and had stressed Egypt's own decade-long faithfulness to all the terms of its peace treaty with Israel. Israel's interests, Mubarak said, were to broaden the circle of peace.

Yosef had countered that the potential partners were disparate groups, not nation-states, and Israel had to proceed carefully. He voiced strong support for the prime minister's peace initiative based on Palestinian elections and an interim autonomy.

In this situation, the question of territory-for-peace was therefore "not immedately relevant," Yosef continued. Thus, his halachic examination of the subject was more hypothetical "regarding how we might act, according to halacha, if and when a proposal for true peace were raised, which would require us to relinquish territory."

Yosef then proceeded to cite — without reference to any notes — from sources all over rabbinic literature regarding the importance of the Eretz Yisrael, or land Jews historically consider to be their birthright, versus the importance of human life.

He insisted that even the Ramban (Nachmanides), and certainly the Rambam (Maimonides), held that the conquest and retention of the land of Israel by the Jewish people are, to some extent, in the hands of the Messiah.

"It is wrong to hold onto areas of Eretz Yisrael against the wishes of the nations of the world," Yosef said, referring to the three "oaths" which, according to the Babylonian Talmud, the Jews swore to God after the destruction of the Temple: Not to rebel against the nations, not to "storm the ramparts," and not to hasten the Messianic end of days.

Yosef also questioned whether the mitzvah of settling Israel applied today over all parts of the land — especially since, in practice, Israel does not exercise full control over parts of it, such as Nablus or Jenin.

He dismissed out of hand the idea of "transferring" the Palestinian populace from the territory.

Jews, Catholics to discuss convent at Auschwitz

NEW YORK (JTA) — The governing board of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations has determined that "the time has come for some quiet non-flamboyant diplomacy" between the Catholic Church and the Jewish community over the issue of the Auschwitz convent, IJCIC member Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum said last week.

Tanenbaum, the immediate past chairman of IJCIC, said that it was in the interest of such diplomacy that the group chose not to issue a public statement following an emergency meeting.

Twelve members of the governing board of IJCIC, the primary vehicle of communication between the world Jewish community and the Vatican, met to discuss the recent developments surrounding the controversial Carmelite convent at Auschwitz, among other issues.

The meeting came after the archbishop of Krakow, Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, announced he was cancelling a 1987 agreement reached between Jewish and Catholic leaders. The leaders had agreed to build an interreligious centre away from the actual site of the death camp, to which the convent would be moved.

Macharski's announcement sparked loud protests from a number of Jewish organizations.

Tanenbaum said that at the IJCIC meeting, he briefed his fellow members on conversations he had over the past week with Catholic officials close to Macharski.

He said that he had been told in those conversations that Macharski's statement did not indicate that the Polish cardinal advocated a "permanent break" in relations with Jews.

Instead, he described Macharski's statement on the interreligious centre as an "emotional reaction" to last month's demonstration by seven New York Jews, including Bronx Rabbi Avraham Weiss.

"The entry of Rabbi Avi Weiss, by climbing over fences surrounding the convent and trying to get inside the convent — which to Catholics is the holy of holies — resulted in (Macharski's) being deeply upset," Tanenbaum said, also pointing out that the incident put Macharski under increased pressure from Polish Catholics to keep the convent where it is.

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Occurred on religious holiday

Jewish newspaper carries on after firebomb attack

NEW YORK (JTA) —
A San Diego Jewish newspaper is struggling to carry on business as usual in the face of two recent firebomb attacks, both of which occurred on Jewish holy days.

The latest attack took place on Tisha B'Av, at the office of the San Diego Jewish Times in the suburb of El Cajon.

Damage to the building was minimal. Both bombs were deflected by the bars on the windows of the offices and exploded outside, mainly scorching the exterior.

The bombing appears to have been a repeat attack. The Times was also firebombed April 22, the third day of Passover. Both attacks occurred in the early morning hours.

Morris Casuto, director of the San Diego office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, said it was possible that the attackers specifically chose Jewish holidays for their attacks in an effort to intimidate the Jewish community.

Before the first bombing, the newspaper received threatening phone calls saying "the bars (on the windows) won't stop the bombs" and that "Jewish newspapers don't belong in El Cajon."

The newspaper's management had installed bars on the windows, as well as security cameras and motion-detecting devices.

After the most recent bombing, according to Times editor Carol Rosenberg, the newspaper also received two hate calls.

The first time, the caller said, "Sorry about what happened but we warned you," apparently referring to last April's attack.

The employee receiving the call hung up on the caller, and immediately received another call.

This time, the caller said, "How dare you hang up on me, Heil Hitler."

Police believe the two incidents, both of which occurred in the early morning hours, are linked.

"The method of the attack is similar, which leads us to believe it's the same suspect or suspects," said Lt. Bob Lein, investigations commander for the El Cajon police department.

There are several neo-Nazi and Skinhead groups in the San Diego area, most notably Tom Metzger's White Aryan Nations group.

In an interview with a San Diego newspaper, Metzger denied having any connection with the attack on the Times, saying that the newspaper was "small potatoes."

Lein said, however, that "we are not ruling anybody out" in the police investigation.

The newspaper's offices were the targets of anti-Semitic attacks even before the bombings, with windows broken and swastikas scrawled on the walls.

The Times is an independent weekly newspaper which has been published by Rosenberg's husband Garry for the past 10 years.

A $2,500 reward for information leading to those who bombed the offices in April had been offered. Since then, the reward has been increased to $10,000.

The money is being offered by the newspaper, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith and the local Crimestoppers organization.

Do you know them?

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1. **BALFUR, Zev (Vladimir)** - born on June 12, 1946 in the USSR - television technician. Last known address Toronto or Ottawa.
2. **BENCHABAT, Elie** - born 1918 in Mogador, Morocco. In 1958 he owned a clothng store at avenue Mohammed V in Casablanca. Father of Juliette.
3. **BRANDELSTEIN, Sofia & Regina** - born 1912 in Turka Nadstryzem, Poland. Immigrated to Canada and became Canadian citizens.
4. **EISENBERG, Hanoch** - born 1920-21 in Lodz, Poland. Resided in Toronto. Son of Pesach and Hadassah.
5. **FALK, Pesach & Shalom** - born near Brody, Pichaye, Poland in 1922. Believed to have arrived in Canada in 1935.
6. **FLEISCHMACHER, Punya (Peenie)** - born 1920-21 in Bershad, Vinitskaya, USSR. Son of Velvel and brother of Raya, Betie & Tanya. Cousin of Betya Feingerit. Immigrated to Canada.
7. **GAFT, Girsh (Gersh)** - born 1924 in the USSR. Believed to have arrived in Edmonton with father, Isac Gaft and 2 sisters approximately in 1929. Isac Gaft is known to have been a rabbi.
8. **GERSHOWITZ, Dorothy** - in her late 50's or early 60's. Gershowitz is her maiden name. Last known address in the 1950's - 1784 Saint Timothee St., Montreal.
9. **GOLDMAN, David** - born in Poditurkalin, Romania. Son of Leibl & Shayndl. Known to have worked as capmaker.
10. **GORELIK, Silva (Tsivya)** nee **Veltman** - believed to be in Canada. Known to have resided in Odessa in 1967. Daughter of Moysey - wife of Aba Gorelik - sister of Joseph Veltman.
11. **IUSTER, Lazar (Leizer)** - born approximately 1922 in Bacau, Romania. Son of Meyer Iosef and Chaya Sura and brother of Mishu and Gisella. Believed to have arrived in Montreal in 1948.
12. **KORDA, Janos (John)** - formerly **"KLEIN"** - born in Budapest, Hungary on March 14, 1929. Last known address was 6715 Monkland Ave., Montreal.
13. **MILLER, Samuel** (also known as **MULLER**) - born in May 1923 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Arrived in Canada in the early 1950's. Last known residence - Glenview, Toronto.
14. **MUSSINGER, Chana Rivtcha** (also known as **Regina Katz**) - believed to have resided in St. Catharines, Ontario as of 1983.
15. **ONDRACEK, Liza** - born in Czechoslovakia. Last known address was 906 Hilda Avenue, North York, Toronto, Ontario.
16. **PRZEATRZELENIEC, Natan** - born in 1916 in Zaremby. Believed to have arrived in Canada in 1952. Mother's name Chava Gowre. Occupation - photographer.
17. **ROGACHEVSKY, Georgy** - born in Moscow around 1929. Wife's name Ira. Arrived in Canada in 1978-79.
18. **SCHNEIDERMAN, Fima** - born on March 2, 1927 in Hotin, Bessarabia. Son of the late Yehil and Betty Schneiderman. Brother of Jacob.
19. **SHECHTER, Moshe** (his children or grandchildren) - brother of Lurie, born in 1880 in Toulchin in the Ukraine. Last known residence in 1937 - 3901 Clarke St., Montreal.
20. **YORK, Myrna** - resided in 1973 at 5812 Plantagenet Pl., Montreal, Que. Was associated with "Boutique Frouolu", Rockland Shopping Centre, T.M.R.
21. **VELTMAN, Garold** - lived in Odessa in 1967. Son of Benjamin (Benchik); nephew of Moysey Veltman and cousin of Joseph Veltman.

Radio host resigns over remark

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY —
An Australian radio talkback host caused a storm this week when he resigned after being forced to apologize for an anti-semitic segment on his program.

Sydney radioman Mike Williams, who ran a midnight-to-dawn show on Radio ZUE, hosted a discussion at about 3.30 a.m. one morning in which a number of callers vilified both Israel and the Jewish people.

The discussion ran for approximately 40 minutes.

Callers accused Jews of "trying to control the world" and Jewish bankers as being "perfidious-type Jews that will even kill their own to get their ends met and attain what they want in this one world government organization."

At the end of the discussion, another caller rang Williams to say he believed the speakers had been "doing nothing else but spreading League of Rights propaganda."

Following complaints to the station, including from the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, Williams read an apology on his next show 24 hours later, saying "what started out as a discussion about recent events in the Middle East . . . and was never intended to be offensive to anyone . . . developed further than it should have and greatly upset listeners in the Jewish community."

After apologizing, he said he would resign at the end of the program.

However, after talks with station bosses, it was agreed that he would remain at his post.

Bond Radio chief executive Nigel Milan said that the offensive segment "was disgraceful, there is no defence for such a thing, we accept full responsibility and we'll do our best to ensure it never happens again.

"Mr. Williams did apologize and we disciplined him so seriously that he felt he had to resign. But I think he was set up by those who phoned in."

In his apology, Williams said: "I understand why and unreservedly apologise to all those listeners who were offended . . . and want to make it clear that neither I nor this radio station hold any malice or prejudice towards any section of the community . . .

"I hope everyone will accept that there has never been and never will be any intention to upset or alienate anyone from any racial or religious group . . . and make it clear that there will be no further discussion of these matters on this program now or in the future."

West Germany seeking Alois Brunner extradition

BONN (JTA) —
West Germany has denied allegations that it is dragging efforts to have Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner extradited from Syria.

The justice ministry is intensively seeking Brunner's extradition, a spokesman for the ministry maintained.

Brunner, 77, was a top deputy to Adolph Eichmann and is believed to live in Damascus under the pseudonym George Fischer.

The West German spokesman strongly denied recent reports here and abroad that Bonn was neglecting its commitment to bring Brunner to justice.

The Syrian government has rebuffed previous requests for Brunner's extradition by West Germany, Austria and France. The Syrians say that they know nothing about Brunner's whereabouts.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The Torah is unchanging, and nothing must be added to it or taken away, states Deut. 13:1, read in this week's portion *Re'eh*. The Law's immutability is the ninth of Maimonides' 13 principles of the Jewish faith, and implies, among other things, that the Torah will never be superseded. Yet, within this framework, change is accommodated.

Twelfth-century scholar Maimonides compiled a credo of principles — still recited twice in the daily morning prayer service, as the *Yigdal* and the *Ani Maamin* — as a quick and handy reference against competing claims of supremacy by Christianity and Islam. Joseph Albo, a 15th-century successor, suggested the Torah is immutable because:

- Its Author, God, is eternal and immutable.
- The Torah was given to an entire people, which, unlike an individual, does not change.
- The Torah represents absolute and eternal truths.

While Torah principles have not altered, their application over the millenia has, in response to changing circumstances, as sanctioned by scholars motivated by Torah principles.

Most obvious is the cessation of the mandatory sacrifices after the destruction of the Second Temple. Since then, fasts, the continued study of the sacrifices' details, and formal prayer have served as their sanctioned replacement. Under the Torah-derived principle that general laws of a country are to be obeyed because without them "men would swallow each other alive," polygamy was banned for Jews in Europe by Rabbi Gershom a thousand years ago; it was not banned in Arabic countries, where polygamy continued to be practiced among the general populace.

Tefillen, which used to be worn throughout the day, were largely restricted to the morning weekday prayer. The mitzva of wearing them remained.

Permission to set the date of the new moon — which determines when communal and individual commemorations are observed — by calculation in advance was given after the bulk of Jewry found itself outside the Holy Land. Until some time after the fall of the Second Temple, the first day of the new month was set only through an official declaration involving the Sanhedrin (supreme court) and eye witnesses to the new month's crescent. The use of eye witnesses itself was a change, to thwart the Samaritans' misleading mimicking of the torches lit from hilltop to hilltop that signalled the sighting of the new moon earlier.

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INPARSHAL WORDS: bo'er

In parshat Re'eh, *bo'er* means burn. It echoes the word burn and a surprising number of others as well.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary takes burn back through Old English *birnan* and *baernan*, to the hypothesized Germanic **bren*. Somewhere in between is the Yiddish *bren*.

Another word with the telling br- sound is the nearly obsolete bream, to clean a ship's bottom by burning and scraping. The COD is unsure of the verb's origin, saying it is "probably a low German cognate of broom." Sweeping, the action connected with broom, is neither burning nor scraping. To clean out by scraping is to ream. A reader guided by bream's br- sound and meaning could easily posit a connection with bo'er.

Bo'er also suggests *ferrum*, Latin for iron, the source of ferrous, ferrite, and other related words in English. Ferrum is not traced beyond the Latin. Isolating iron from ore involves burning.

B- and v- sounds are often interchangeable within and between languages; the b- in liber, Latin for book, changed to a v- in the French livre, and came back again as a b- in the English library.

The br- sound is also part of the Hebrew word for iron, b'rzel. Br- forms the bulk of the word brass, an alloy of copper and tin. The word brass, the COD says, is of unknown origin.

Bo'er — with the b- an f- now— also recalls fire. The COD traces fire through Old English *fyr*, the Old High German *fiur*, to the hypothetical West German root **fuir*.

The COD does not connect fire with another word that means exactly the same and sounds almost exactly the same: pyre. Pyre and its derivatives come from the Greek *pur*, meaning fire.

Nor is a connection made with fever and febrile, which the COD take back through Old English *fefor*, Old French fievre, to the Latin for fever, *febris*.

Bo'er is what this writer calls a blockbuster word, one that is echoed in Germanic, Graeco-Latin, and Semitic words.

Orthodox caught in concert traffic

Woodstock Jews recall missed Shabbos

BETHEL, N.Y. (JTA) — For the hundreds who flocked to this tiny Catskill Mountains township week, the 20th anniversary of the Woodstock music festival was an opportunity to recall a glorious weekend of peace, love and rock and roll.

But for the Orthodox Jews who live or vacation near by, it was time to remember the day when the men missed Shabbos.

"The town was in no way equipped to handle that kind of gathering," said Rabbi Samuel Fishbain, now 50, of the close to 500,000 young people who converged on the town enroute to the grassy concert site a few miles away.

That weekend, he said, Orthodox men working in New York City got caught in the concert traffic and had to turn back for fear they would arrive after sundown, the start of the Jewish sabbath, Fishbain said. "Some were stranded and never made it."

Since the 1940s, the entire area has been the annual summer destination of religious Jews from New York City. As many as 200,000 to 300,000 come to spend their summers here.

Fishbain, a year-round resident of Bethel's quiet Chasidic enclave, took some time out from torah study on a recent afternoon to reflect on that August weekend.

Fishbain is the Orthodox leader of Beth Sinai, a 13-year-old congregation situated next to a shimmering mountain lake called Kayenoga. Back in 1969, this father of 13 children was a teacher in New York City at a rabbinic seminary. With his wife, Sarah, Rivkah, he summered in the Catskills.

On Friday, Aug. 15, an endless stream of cars and people, in halter tops, flannel shirts, headbands and bandannas, jammed the town's main intersection, where a kosher butcher and kosher grocery store stand today.

Though accustomed to being outnumbered by gentiles, the austere community was repelled by what Fishbain called "hippies." Not so much for their immodest dress, he said, but "for the way they attended to their bodily needs — urinating anywhere like children."

But the indecent behavior didn't prevent Fishbain and other Chasidim from offering kosher food and drink to sojourners who they ascertained to be Jewish. Quite a few, Fishbain recalled, accepted his offer to put on tefillin.

"Some of them seemed very impressionable, anxious to listen and hear," Fishbain said.

Fishbain continued communicating with the travellers, finding common ground in the sphere of music, a source of spiritual sustenance for Chasidim. "The fact they were attracted to music here — we believed they could also be attracted to spiritual values."

New Israeli law to crack down on drug dealers

JERUSALEM — New legislation allowing Israeli authorities to confiscate property from convicted narcotics dealers may cripple the drug trade, Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp said recently.

The new law, passed recently by the Knesset, calls on the courts to seize any property whose ownership cannot be legally accounted for from convicted drug dealers, Karp said. The assumption is that such property was financed by drug profits.

"It's a draconian law, but we feel we must wage an uncompromising war against drugs," she said. "The conservative approach has failed even to reduce the phenomenon. The only way to fight drugs is to strike at its weak point, the economic base."

Karp said drug dealers were not deterred by the threat of jail "because as long as they have money, they can continue pulling strings even from behind bars. But they can't operate if you destroy their financial base; it makes drug dealing not worthwhile."

The new law obliges the court to confiscate the property of drug dealers unless the judge explicitly states his reasons for not doing so. The confiscated goods will be sold, and the proceeds channeled to a special fund which will finance drug treatment.

The UN has been urging all countries to pass such legislation, said Karp. The United States, Britain and Germany have already done so. A delegation of Israel officials involved in the implementation of the new law will visit the United States soon to see how it is enforced there.

Other provisions of the law:

- Give police the right to carry out intensive searches of suspected drug-carriers at Israeli ports of entry.
- Provide new punishments for convicted dealers, including cancellation of their passports, withdrawal of their business permits, and a major increase in fines.
- Authorize the court to prescribe drug rehabilitation treatment for criminals serving suspended sentences for lesser crimes. Karp explained that until now the law prescribed treatment only for jailed convicts. Experience has shown, however, that few of them have benefited from it.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What is Israel's international airport?
2. What is Israel's major orchestra?
3. What will a Jew say when mentioning the possibility of something evil?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Ben-Gurion Airport
2. Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
3. *Has V'Shalom* (Heaven forbid)

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UIA Major Projects Mission:

Granovsky and Posluns Projects Dedicated in Israel

The dedications of two major projects in Israel, involving two distinguished families in Toronto's Jewish community, marked the highlight of the Major Projects Mission of the United Israel Appeal of Canada which took place July 30 to August 8.

Kiryat Shmona Dedication

A 730 seat auditorium, named in honor of Phil Granovsky and the Granovsky family, was dedicated in Kiryat Shmona, in the northern part of Israel. Granovsky is a former President of the UIA of Canada and now serves as Chairman of the Board. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Keren Hayesod (World UIA).

A cultural centre, consisting of an auditorium, a library and a variety of rooms for cultural and educational activities, was dedicated in Ness Ziona, in the central region of the country, in memory of Jack Posluns, late husband of Nancy Posluns, brother of Wilfred and Irving Posluns. The Posluns family has had a prominent leadership role in Toronto and Israel-oriented activities.

The mission, chaired by Allan Offman, included more than 70 participants, mostly members of the Granovsky and Posluns families, ranging in age over three generations.

The first part of the mission took place in Poland, where participants visited the Auschwitz and Majdanek death camps and the Warsaw Ghetto. The mission arrived in Poland on a direct El Al flight from Toronto to Warsaw. The mission then flew to Israel for a 6-day program highlighted by the dedications.

The contrast between the bleakness and despair left behind in Poland and the vibrant, dynamic Israeli society was referred to by both Phil Granovsky and Nancy Posluns at the festive openings.

Granovsky said the decision to give his family's name to the Kiryat Shmona auditorium goes back to June 1982, when he was one of a small group of civilians who crossed the northern border at the beginning of the Lebanon war. He saw structures full of holes caused by shelling. He was told children live in shelters, and there was no proper facility for entertainment in the town. "I saw how vulnerable this northern part of the country is," Granovsky stated.

The crowd of local residents who filled the new auditorium applauded his promise to use his influence with the Jewish Agency to combat unemployment, which is troubling the region.

Greetings on behalf of the Israel Government were brought by Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Minister David Levy. Michael Mace, charge d'affairs at the Canadian Embassy in Israel, said the auditorium was "a symbol of support and trust between our two countries."

Others addressing the dedication were Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran, Keren Hayesod World Chairman Shlomo Hillel, UIA of Canada President Sol Lederman and Jewish Agency Treasurer Meil Sheetrit. UIA Executive Vice-President Walter Hess was master-of-ceremonies.

The dedication of the Granovsky Auditorium marked the culmination of the involvement of the UIA of Canada in strengthening Israel's northern region through the establishment of education, social and cultural projects in settlements along the border with Lebanon, in the Upper Galilee.

Over the past 15 years, the UIA of Canada has established a total of 21 projects in the northern region.

The Auditorium will provide a venue for cultural events, music, theatre and lectures. The auditorium includes a balcony, a large stage, theatre, coffee house, and dressing rooms. The acoustics are the best in the area. Before the opening of the Granovsky Auditorium, no hall in Kiryat Shmona could hold more than 300 people.

Wilfred and Irving Posluns, brothers of Jack, with wife Nancy, cutting the ribbon to the new Centre. On the left are Walter Hess, UIA of Canada Executive Vice-President and Ness Ziona Mayor Nissan Krupsky.

At the entrance to the Phil Granovsky Family Auditorium inKiryat Shmona, Phil and Shirley Granovsky start the festivities. On the left is Rubin Zimmerman, Chairman of the UIA Israel Resident's Committee.

View of the Granovsky Auditorium, Kiryat Shmona

By reading out meaningful texts at the sites in Poland which symbolize the Holocaust, the visit focused on shared emotions. At the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial, Dr. Ze'ev Mankowitz of Israel (right), scholar-in-residence for the Mission, is with some younger generation members.

Ness Ziona Dedication

At the Ness Ziona dedication, a moving statement was made by Nancy Posluns, widow of Jack Posluns, whom she described as "a modest and unassuming man, who loved art and music and the tranquility of the country, a deeply caring man." She thanked everyone involved in establishing the cultural centre, in particular architects Nina and Israel Barlev, and Alan Brown, a member of the Polsuns family who is also an architect and visited Israel frequently to consult on the project.

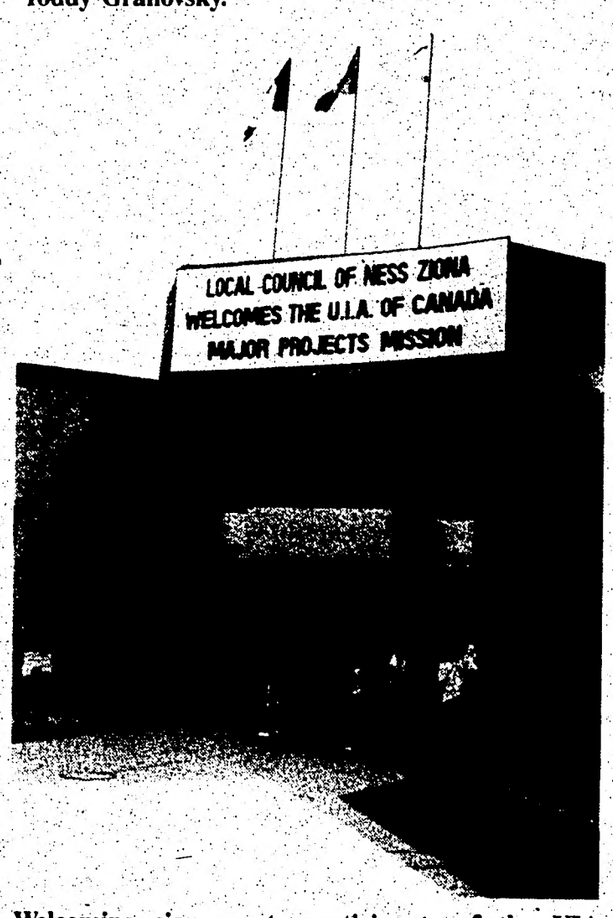
Ness Ziona Mayor Nissan Krupsky said this is the largest, most modern and possibly the most important public structure in the history of the town, which has 18,000 residents. "It is a dream come true," he stated, giving the town's cultural, eductional and social life a major boost.

Israel's Minister of Communications Gad Yaacobi thanked the Posluns family and the Canadian Jewish community on behalf of the Israel Government. Mission Chairman Allan Offman remembered Jack Posluns as a man of great sensitivity, and said it was "altogether fitting that the new centre is named for him."

Steve Ain, Executive Director of the Toronto Jewish Congress, was master-of-cermonies. Outstanding artistic performances by local talent, singers and dancers, were presented at both the Kiryat Shmona and Ness Ziona ceremonies.

The Posluns Cultural Centre was visited a day before the opening by members of the Posluns family on the mission. They were deeply impressed by the design, size and variety of facilities offered at the 38,000-square-feet centre, fronted by a public square and a gardened area. The library wing has more than 50,000 volumes, and the auditorium has 750 seats. Special care was invested in carpeting, furnishings and equipment of activity rooms, which are bound to go into extensive use with the opening of the school year in Israel in September.

Israeli Minister Ehud Olmert with Steve Ain, Executive Director of the Toronto Jewish Congress, and Toddy Granovsky.



Welcoming sign greets participants of the UIA Mission in Ness Ziona.

Editorial

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Rule of law governs Israel

Two recent decisions of the Israel Supreme Court show that the rule of law is still paramount in a nation whose Biblical roots laid the very foundations of modern concepts of jurisprudence.

In a striking move, the court rendered invalid the Israeli army's practice of blowing up the homes of people suspected of terrorist acts. The dwellings of people related to or associated with the suspected perpetrator have also been detonated.

The Supreme Court thus struck down a punitive action which dates back to emergency regulations instituted by the British mandatory power in the 1930s in order to quell the Arab riots during that decade.

The court expressed its independent posture again this month when it ruled against Israel's censor board, another legacy of the Mandate epoch, in the matter of a controversial play. The ruling caused the Knesset to pass a bill abolishing the censor board for a two-year trial basis. At the end of the period the legislation will be reviewed.

This is all the more remarkable because Israeli dramatists have attracted notoriety in recent years with their "political theatre." Many of their plays have been critical of government policy towards Palestinians.

According to Yoram Elroy, a lawyer in one of the cases before the Israeli Supreme Court, the latter "has accepted the precedents of the United States Supreme Court and adopted the test that freedom of speech can be limited only by the principle of a 'clear and present danger' to the society."

The Israeli Supreme Court's rulings on the two issues at hand are evidence of the resilience and probity of Israel's legal system because they come at a time when the country is being assailed by an internal insurrection and the threat of surrounding Arab nations bristling with weapons arsenals that are directed at the Jewish state.

The independence and resolute posture demonstrated by the Israeli Supreme Court is a powerful argument on behalf of the supremacy of reason over emotion in the conduct of human affairs.

Singer tale tells universal truths

Seventeen years after it was published, Isaac Bashevis Singer's Enemies: A Love Story, is in the process of being made into a film.

This is no ordinary accomplishment. Singer's disturbing novel deals with a Holocaust theme and explores the predicament of a man who believes that his wife has been murdered by the Nazis.

Like so many others, he remarries and then settles in the United States only to discover that his first wife is still alive. His reunion with her is the source of heavy emotional tension in the book.

The New York Times (July 30) reports that Paul Mazursky, the director of such notable films as Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice, Down and Out in Beverly Hills and Moon Over Parador, is busy filming the Singer story on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Mazursky indicates that Singer's novel is full of dramatic tension and thus lends itself beautifully to the film medium. He also told an interviewer that there has been a reluctance to film Singer's work because it is too Jewish. That doesn't appear to be a problem for Mazursky who says that 20th Century Fox will be distributing his film version of Enemies.

Mr. Singer himself has expressed some apprehension about the projected film because of his disagreement over the filming of Yentl. Mazursky, who has met with the Yiddish writer, has assured Singer that there will be fidelity to the text.

It is most appropriate that Isaac Bashevis Singer's provocative novel, Enemies: A Love Story, be made into a film. Although firmly rooted in the Jewish experience, Singer's novels resonate with universal truths that can be shared by all sensitive people.

It is to be hoped that this film venture will lead to a further mining of the rich vein of truth found in Isaac Bashevis Singer's depiction of the Jewish world, past and present.

Unusual gift from Poland

Levys saved U.S. monument

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, lies on a hillside in Charlottesville, Virginia, and is open to visitors as one of the most important American historical monuments.

Scarcely any of the tourists who pick their way through the site realize that Monticello was saved from neglect and probable destruction by an old American Jewish family — the Levys.

In 1836 Uriah Levy, a career naval officer, bought Monticello for $2,700 and restored it to its former glory. Levy, the grandson of a soldier in the Revolutionary War whose greatest claim to fame was his successful campaign to abolish flogging in the U.S. Navy, purchased the colonaded mansion and the land around it because he admired Jefferson — the third President of the U.S. and author of the Declaration of Independence.

Jefferson died in 1926, but his family was unable to maintain Monticello. James Barclay, a Virginian, bought it in 1831 for $4,500, but put it up for sale shortly afterwards because of the hordes of sightseers, according to a piece in the Cleveland Jewish News.

Levy, on shore leave, found out about the sale, and after renovating the house, spent his summers there with his wife. Before his own death in 1862, Levy bequeathed Monticello to the American people, or, if Congress refused to accept it, to Virginia, to be used as an agriculture school for the education of orphaned children of navy warrant officers.

Before Congress could act, the Civil War broke out. Monticello was confiscated by the Confederacy and sold illegally. The new owners were negligent, and Monticello fell into disrepair.

In 1881 Levy's nephew, Jefferson Monroe Levy, retained control of Monticello. Levy, a two-term congressman from New York, restored it yet again, and opened it to visitors.

Uriah Levy

He offered Monticello to the federal government and the state of Virginia, but neither jusrisdiction was interested. In 1923, on Jefferson's 180th birthday, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation was organized. It purchased Monticello from the Levys.

The Levys' restoration of Monticello remains a little-known fact, even to visitors who've been there. The Cleveland Jewish News says that nowhere in Monticello is there a sign or a plaque attesting to the Levys' integral involvement in its history. However, acknowledgement of their contributions is contained in a paragraph toward the end of a guidebook sold in Monticello. "Without the efforts of this family which actually owned the house for 89 years — a far longer period than did Jefferson — Monticello might not be today on top of its 'little mountain.'"

Jewish visitors looking for concrete evidence of the Levy connection to Monticello are advised to walk along a road that passes the souvenir shop on the west side of the grounds. There they will find a faded granite slab gravestone which reads:

To the Memory of Rachel Phillips Levy
Born in New York 23 of May, 1769
Married 1787
Died 7 of IYAR,
May 5591
A.D. 1839 at Monticello, Va.

The slab marks the grave of Uriah Levy's mother, who died while visiting her son. (Levy himself is buried at the Cypress Hill cemetery of Congregation Shearith Israel in Brooklyn, NY.)

It's not mentioned in any of the guidebooks about Monticello.

Jews in August 1942 are crammed into railway freight cars similar to the one recently donated to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

UNUSUAL FREIGHT CAR

During the Holocaust, nearly three million Jews were deported to concentration camps via railroads.

Raul Hilberg, in his monumental work, *The Destruction of the European Jews*, notes that the German railway system played a key role in that ghastly process.

"Transport to the death camps was almost invariably accomplished by railway," he writes.

Recently, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, scheduled to open in Washington in 1992, received a most unusual gift from Poland — a freight car used to transport Jews to Treblinka.

The 27-foot long car, which was donated under an agreement the museum signed with Poland's Main Commission for the Investigation of Nazi War Crimes, will be refurbished. It had been held by the Polish State Railways Authority and had been repainted several times.

It's estimated that the car transported about 100 to 200 Jews daily from Warsaw to Treblinka, a distance of less than 100 miles. The museum has been unable to determine how many trips the car actually made to Treblinka, where about 750,000 Jews were gassed to death between 1942 and 1943.

It was brought to Baltimore on board the MS Stefan Starzynski, named for a mayor of Warsaw executed by the Nazis. For security reasons, the whereabous of the car will not be disclosed.

Opinion

Victoria, B.C. synagogue is 125 years young

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

There is a saying among some of the Jews of Victoria that "as Jews we still await the coming of the Messiah." But the restoration here of Canada's oldest synagogue, members of the congregation believe that more than ever, the best place to wait — outside of Israel — is in the community of Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia."

Congregation Emanu-El, located in the heart of downtown Victoria on Blanshard St. and completed in September of 1863, claims to be the oldest surviving synagogue in Canada, the oldest surviving synagogue on the West Coast of North America and the oldest house of worship of any denomination in continuous use and without major structural alteration in British Columbia.

On July 7 of this year, The Times-Colonist newspaper carried a photo and story about the synagogue, noting that the congregation was marking the 125th anniversary of the granting of its charter by the colonial government of Vancouver Island. That would take the synagogue back to 1864, but synagogue records show that the cornerstone was laid "with great fanfare" in June of 1863 and that the building was declared completed in September of that year, at a cost of $9,195. The land, purchased in 1862, cost $730. The brick building was designed by architect John Wright in what is described as a "Romanesque Revival" style, popular in synagogue architecture in the 19th century in Europe and America.

As far as is known, the first Jews arrived in Victoria in 1858, coming from all parts of the world, but mainly from California, attracted by the Fraser River gold rush on the mainland. Victoria became the jumping off point for those who sought gold, but thousands of other people stayed behind to cash in on the business potential of the growing town, which had been a Hudson's Bay Company trading post.

By the fall of 1858, the 40 or so Jews here organized High Holy Day services in a private home, and within a year as the Jewish population expanded, the Victoria Hebrew Benevolent Society was founded, with the aim of organizing a cemetery. Land was purchased and on Feb. 5, 1860, the cemetery was dedicated. It's the oldest Jewish cemetery in Western Canada. Morris Price, who was murdered by the Indians at Cayoosh, was the first person interred there — in 1861.

Now it was time to think about a permanent synagogue and the Jewish community of about 200 made plans for its building, optimistically looking ahead to a membership of at least 350. Thus began the task of fund raising and, in addition to making their own donations, the congregation members appealed to the general population of Victoria as well as to Jews in San Francisco, the hometown of many who had come to Victoria. A pamphlet relating the history of the congregation says that "what is remarkable is that the original list of contributors to the building fund (the list has been preserved to this day) contains many non-Jews who made substantial contributions."

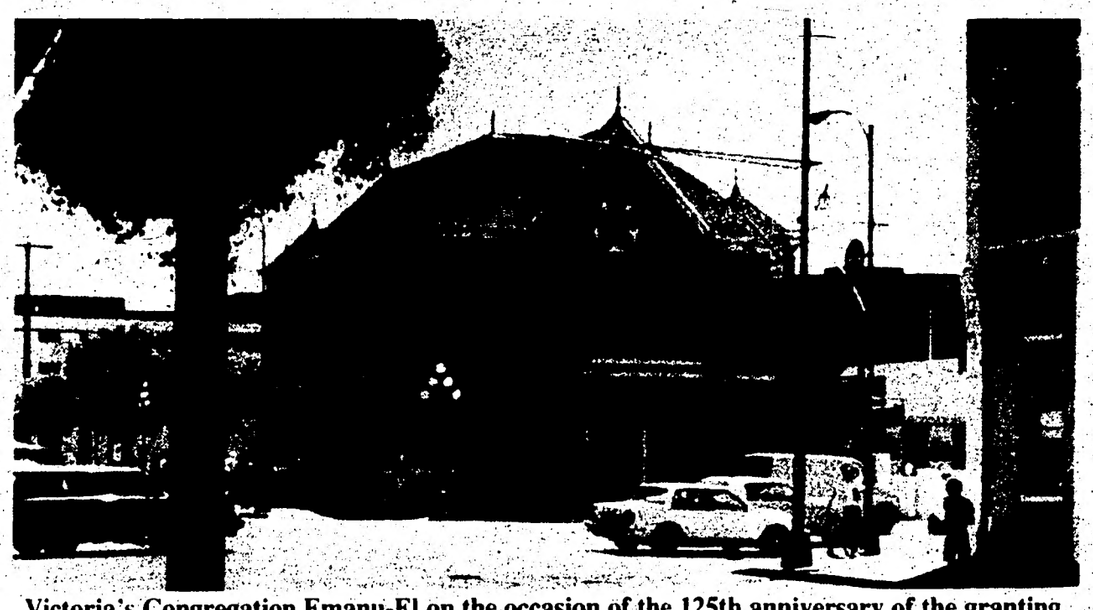
The history says that "the most dramatic testimony to the spirit of brotherhood that existed in that pioneer society was the cornerstone laying ceremony, held on June 2, 1863."

It was a gala day for the city, incorporated just a year earlier (and about 20 years before Vancouver came into existence). "The whole town turned out to see the procession, led by a band from HMS Topaze, a British warship which was in Esquimalt Harbour. (Esquimalt is a naval city bordering Victoria). The members of the congregation, the French Society, the German Choral Society and the St. Andrews Society all marched in the parade to the Masonic Temple where 70 Masons joined them. The procession grew larger and larger as each complement swung into line as they marched to the synagogue site . . . S. Hoffman, vice-president of the congregation, addressed the assemblage, pointing with pride that the scattered tribe of Israel even 'in this isolated part of the globe — have each and all manfully striven to uphold their religion which has been handed down to us by our forefathers.' "

A sealed box containing different items was placed in one cornerstone by the congregation while the Masons made their own deposit in a separate cornerstone.

The mayor and chief justice took part in the ceremony. The British Colonist newspaper devoted two full columns to an account of the ceremony.

Although the Jewish community failed to grow as more and more members went back to the United States or to the mainland of Canada, where Vancouver was taking shape, the Emanu-El congregation was kept alive by the small Jewish population. Even today, there are only about 160 members.



Victoria's Congregation Emanu-El on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the granting of its charter by the Vancouver Island colonial government. [John Colville photo, Times Colonist]

The synagogue served as a servicemen's centre during the two world wars and this writer recalls attending services and social events on many occasions during World War II, while stationed with the RCAF in nearby Patricia Bay.

After the war, the synagogue underwent a renovation and the attractive brick building was covered with stucco, the central doors were removed and a false ceiling was placed in the interior, cutting down on the size of the gallery, and the skylight was removed.

It remained in this form until the 1970s, when Martin Levin, a former Winnipegger and professor of political science at the University of Victoria, and his wife Donna became actively involved in synagogue affairs. Levin, who was president in 1976, thought the building should be restored to its former glory. The bright yellow stucco exterior, bearing a huge Star of David on the front, seemed out of place for a synagogue, he believed, and he formed the Committee to Restore Canada's Oldest Synagogue.

The committee enlisted the aid of the heritage conservation branch of the political government and, with the aid of government staffers, who served as volunteer advisors, came up with a budget of about $250,000 to carry out a restoration program.

The committee was promised $50,000 by the B.C. Heritage Trust — this was later raised to $82,000. The city of Victoria pledged $5,000 and the Bronfman Trust gave $20,000. The committee then took the proposition to the general membership and it was unanimously agreed that the restoration should go ahead — but in several stages, as funds became available. It was agreed that nothing could come from the general revenue of the congregation, and that no debt be incurred.

Levin and his committee got to work. Rabbi Henry Markowitz, who launched the campaign for funds in 1979, declared that "this is a jewel to be shared with the whole community of British Columbia."

A reception for Vancouver leaders brought in $25,000 and the committee spent the next few years speaking wherever they could wangle an invitation to call for donations. Above all, the existing membership contributed — not once, but more often twice and three times. The necessary funds were raised.

After the architects and members of the restoration committee spent months and months studying early photos and plans of the building, actual restoration began in April of 1980, when then premier, Bill Bennett, ripped off the first piece of stucco of the exterior. It was agreed that the exterior should be renovated first, and the job was a big one. Many of the original bricks had been broken by the stucco, especially the protruding ones around the windows, which were in differing shapes and colors. To replace them, the committee had to search for a brick maker in Vancouver, Wash., who was able to copy 11 different kinds of bricks.

The original bricks had been painted and as they couldn't be sandblasted because they were too soft, a Kansas City firm was contacted to come up with a cleaner to strip the paint.

The double doors at the entrance had to be replaced and artisans located who could copy them. This was solved by enlisting the aid of a local crew who had been working on the restoration of parts of the legislative building.

Then the restorers got to work on the interior and again, after careful searching, the people were found who could recreate the original design. The false ceiling was removed, opening up space in the gallery and enlarging the Ark.

Finally, in June of 1982, 119 years after the initial dedication, Congregation Emanu-El was rededicated. Victoria mayor Michael Young called the restoration "a dramatic achievement of national significance."

Levin reports that the completion of the restoration was celebrated with a reenactment of the events of 1863 with a procession of the ethnic societies, the Masons and provincial and civic dignitaries. Hundreds of Victorians turned out for the occasion.

Among the dignitaries on hand were Premier Bennett, Opposition Leader Dave Barrett, Chief Justice Nathan Nemetz and Senator Jack Austin, who was federal minister of state for social development and who gave the major address. Rabbi Victor Reinstein led the prayer service. Harry Goldberg, president of the synagogue, presided.

The next year, the Canadian government designated the synagogue as a site of national historic significance.

The restoration of Congregation Emanu-El has helped increase membership, according to Levin, and "many of the local Jews came out of the woodwork — attracted by the renewal of the building."

The synagogue is also a popular tourist attraction and at a recent Shabbat service there were visitors from Baltimore, Miami, Los Angeles, Montreal, Toronto and other larger centres. Almost all the men who attend can be pretty certain of getting an aliyah.

There are indications also that the community is growing. Rabbi Victor Reinstein, the Conservative spiritual leader who has just began his eighth year with the congregation, reports that four bar mitzvahs are scheduled before Rosh Hashanah.

The rabbi leads the services without the aid of a cantor and is assisted, instead, by members of the congregation. "We have a very literate congregation," he noted. The lay people all conduct the services on their own later in the year when Rabbi Reinstein goes on sabbatical to Israel.

The next phase of activity for the congregation is the construction of a school and social centre on land adjoining the shul. At present, a portable unit is used to house the after-school Hebrew school, headed by the rabbi and using the services of six teachers. In the past year, about 45 students have attended, aged 6 and up. The younger ones attend twice a week, the older ones who are preparing for bar or bat mitzvahs come three times a week.

The portable is also used to house the Shalom Jewish Preschool, for children aged from 18 months to 5 years. Lindy Short, past-president of the preschool, said that last year there were six toddlers, who attended from 9 to 11 a.m. twice a week, and 20 preschoolers (aged 3 to 5) who attended three days a week. A supervisor and an assistant supervisor run the preschool. This summer, for the first time, the preschool also operated a day camp at the premises which proved very successful. Preschool programming is arranged by Sue Benin, wife of the rabbi.

Congregation Emanu-El has many firsts to its credit. The first woman president was Alice Mallek, in 1950. Currently, the president is also a woman, Charlotte Atlung Sutker.

A member of the congregation, Henry Nathan, was elected as the first Jewish member of the House of Commons in 1871, after British Columbia joined Confederation. In 1866, Lumley Franklin was the second mayor of Victoria — the first Jewish mayor of a North American city. His brother Selim, was a member of the Vancouver Island legislature in 1860, the first Jew to be elected to a legislature in North America. And Justice Samuel D. Schultz, who practiced law in Victoria, was appointed to the Bench in 1914, the first Jewish judge in Canada. He is buried in the Victoria Jewish Cemetery.

U.S. Jews head to Sunbelt, W. Coast

NEW YORK (JTA) —

American Jews are flocking to the Sunbelt and the West Coast, according to updated population estimates contained in the 1989 American Jewish Year Book, published recently by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society.

Significant increases in 1988 in the Jewish population of such communities as San Diego and the state of Florida were matched by Jewish population losses of 10% or more in many communities in the Northeast and Mideast.

Forida, with 596,100 Jews comprising 5.1% of the state's population, regained the No. 3 spot among the states with the highest concentration of Jews, behind New York and New Jersey and ahead of Massachusetts, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The total Jewish population of the United States in 1988 was estimated at 5,935,000, according to the year book. That figure is down slightly from 1987, but still represents 2.5% of the overall U.S. population.

The population findings are contained in an article by researchers at the North American Jewish Data Bank in New York.

Their findings relied primarily on studies by local Jewish community federations, but they warn that population estimating is "not an exact science." Numbers may be adujusted from year to year without there having been a demographic change in a community.

For the latest study, the researchers have adjusted for such reasons as the number of non-Jewish spouses or children in a household and the number of part-time residents in a community.

The latter factor is especially important in the Sunbelt, they report, where the number of year-round residents is often over-counted.

But even when the figures are adjusted for the so-called "snowbirds" who summer in the North, the figures on the migration of Jews to the South and West are revealing:

- In the San Diego metropolitan area, the Jewish population estimate increased by 33,000 to a total of 70,000 between 1987 and 1988, an 89% gain.
- The Jewish population in Orange County, Calif., went up 5,000 to 85,000 in the same period.
- **Florida's Jewish population went up by nearly 47,000 between 1987 and 1988, representing an 8.5% jump. The Florida cities with the most significant increase are Fort Lauderdale, up 31,000 to a total Jewish population of 116,000, and Orlando, up 3,000 to 18,000.**
- Ten Northeastern and Midwestern communities report Jewish population declines of at least 10% between 1987 and 1988. The largest absolute decline by state occurred in New York, with a loss of more than 47,000 Jews.

Cleveland had a loss of 5,000 Jews, bringing its Jewish population estimate down to 65,000, the largest numerical decrease for a local community.

New York is still on top of the yearbook's ranking of states with the highest Jewish concentration, with 1,844,000 Jews comprising 10.4% of its general population.

It is followed by New Jersey, with 413,500 Jews (5.4%); Florida; Massachusetts, with 276,000 (4.7%); Maryland, with 209,600 (4.7%); and the District of Columbia, with 25,400 (4%).

Listed in the yearbook are only communities with 100 Jews or more. Among the tiniest communities are Selma, Ala.; Juneau, Alaska; Manhattan, Kan.; Bethlehem, NH; and Clarksburg, W. Va.

The yearbook also reprints its 1986 study placing the world Jewish population at an estimated 12,967,000, with 3,562,500 Jews living in Israel and 9,405,400 in the Diaspora.

Jewish Population in the United States, 1988 was prepared by Dr. Barry Kosmin, director of the Data Bank; Paul Ritterband, professor of sociology and Jewish studies at the City University of New York; and Jeffrey Scheckner, administrator for the Data Bank.

The Data Bank was established by the Council of Jewish Federations and Centre for Jewish Studies of CUNY.

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Opinion

"Sometimes, it's all like a dream," says Eric Spitz

Survivor recalls historic odyssey of the St. Louis

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

"Now I know I'm part of history," says Eric Spitz, "but back in those days I didn't think of history. I was living from day to day, truly."

Fifty years ago, Spitz was among 937 passengers on a 16,732-ton German cruise liner, the St. Louis, which became an indelible symbol of the flight of Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany.

The St. Louis set sail from Hamburg on May 13, 1939, bound for Havana. But when the ship reached Havana, the Cuban government refused to let the passengers land. The ship's captain, Gustav Schroeder, headed toward Florida, hoping the U.S. would admit the German Jews on board. President Franklin Roosevelt turned a deaf ear to their plight, as did Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Finally, after frantic negotiations, Britain, France, Belgium and Holland agreed to take the refugees.

The odyssey of the St. Louis, which has spawned books, learned articles and even a Hollywood movie, came to be known as the Voyage of the Damned.

Spitz, a 65-year-old grandfather from Breslau, was nearly 15 when he and two members of his family — his sister Ursulla (Miller) and his mother — boarded the St. Louis. Spitz's father, Georg, a businessman, had gone ahead to Cuba.

"As far as I was concerned, it was like an adventure," he recalls.

Barely into his teens, Spitz didn't really grasp the full significance of the event until many years later. All he knew, in that momentous spring of 1939, was that Jews in Germany were being isolated, hounded, persecuted and even murdered.

"I only understood I couldn't go to the movies, the circus, the theatre — which is very traumatic for a child, you know. I had good friends who suddenly didn't speak to me. Suddenly, they had brown uniforms of the Hitler Youth. 'We're not allowed to speak to Jews anymore,' " they said.

Inge and Eric Spitz [Graphic Artists photo]

Mackenzie King

In common with many German Jews, Georg Spitz thought the Nazi regime would be a passing phenomenon, and vaguely assumed he and his family would not have to emigrate. "He believed Hitler wouldn't last long. Let's face it, German Jews were more German than Jewish. We were very Jewish but very much assimilated. My father had been an officer in World War I, and had won the Iron Cross."

But, as Spitz's father and countless German Jews discovered to their profound regret and indescribable horror, they were not immune to Nazi degradations.

As the scope and pace of Nazi persecution escalated, the Spitzs sought a haven. "We tried desperately to leave — Australia, America, England, Holland, you name it. But we couldn't obtain visas. There were waiting lists of thousands."

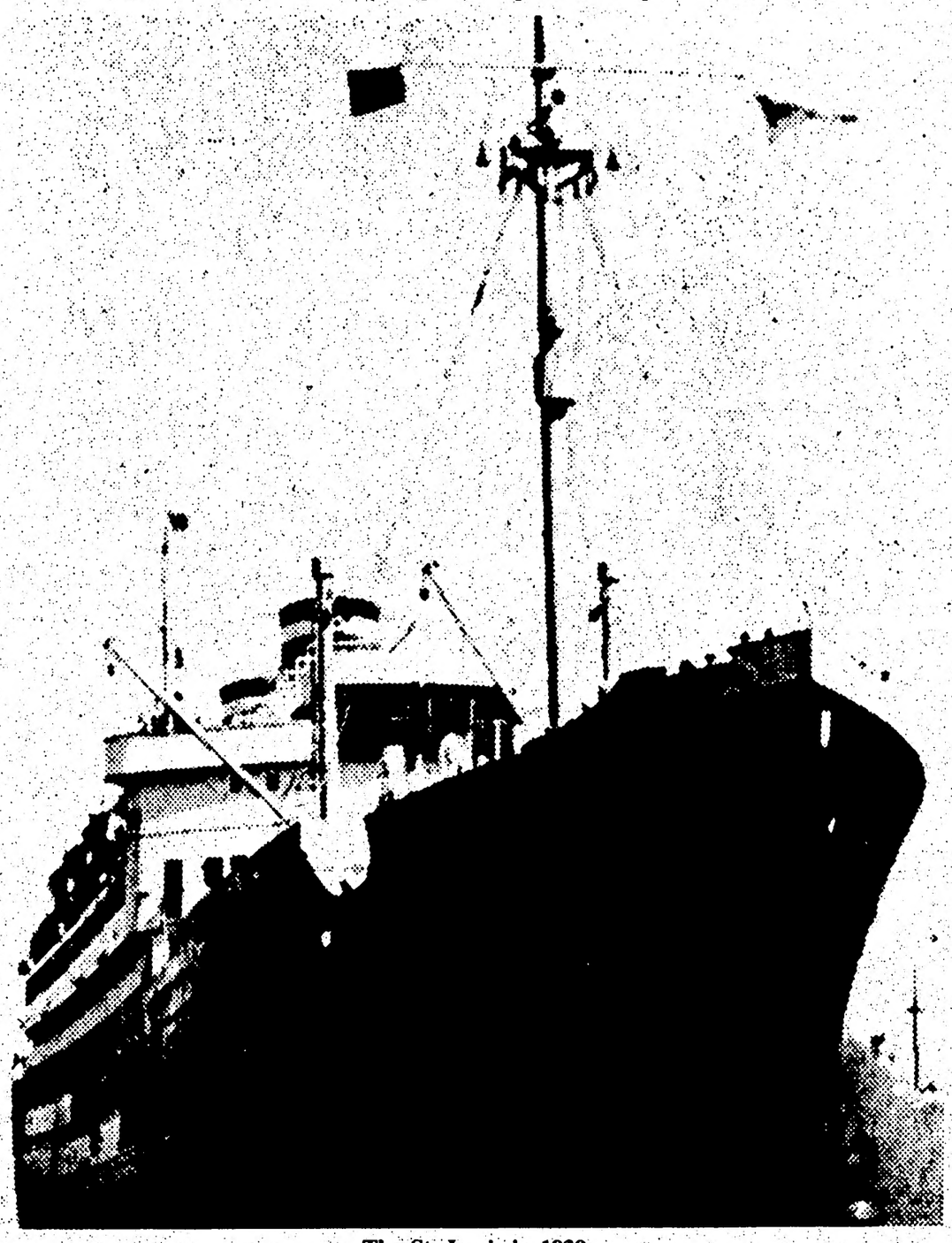
Being insulated from the realities of international politics, Eric Spitz did not realize that governments all over the world were clanging their doors shut to German Jews seeking asylum.

For the Spitzs, "the final straw" was Crystal Night in 1938, explains Spitz, now a religious consultant at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel in Toronto.

"After that we understood, more than ever, that we had to leave Germany."

Spitz has clear recollections of Crystal Night in Breslau, whose Jewish community once exceeded 20,000.

Near his home, he passed a grocery whose windows had been shattered. As he got closer to the centre of town, he noticed more smashed windows, and could see smoke from a synagogue.



The St. Louis in 1939.

"In its ferocity, Crystal Night was such a surprise," says his wife, Inge (Rosenthal), who was born in the German city of Potsdam.

After buying entry permits to Cuba, the Spitz family packed all their belongings, from household goods to the last nuts and bolts in the ladies garment factory which had provided them with a comfortable livelihood.

Georg Spitz left Germany about two weeks before his dependents, intending to set up house for them in Havana.

For Eric Spitz, the trip to Cuba on the St. Louis was uneventful but certainly pleasant. "It was a very, very nice cruise, with very good food and very good service." Says Inge Spitz, "The crew were under orders to behave properly to the passengers."

When the St. Louis slipped into Havana harbor, Spitz spied his father in a dinghy. "We shouted down to him and he shouted up to us, saying he would see us tomorrow."

As it happened, Cuba did not allow the passengers to disembark. Amid mounting xenophobia and anti-Semitism, Laredo Bru, the Cuban president, reneged on his promise. At this juncture, the American Joint Distribition Committee (JDC) intervened. JDC dispatched two emissaries to Cuba to negotiate a landing agreement with the authorities, who indicated they would honor the entry permits if a guarantee of $500 per passenger could be offered to offset the possibility of the Jews becoming an economic burden on Cuba.

Cuba set a deadline as a limit for negotiations. Five hundred dollars was no small sum five decades ago, but the JDC came up with the money. Incredibly enough, the Cuban government backed out of the deal, and broke off all talks with JDC representatives.

"We had been euphoric after leaving Hamburg," says Spitz. "Now, after learning we couldn't go to Cuba, we were thrown into despair."

Some of the passengers panicked. "One person slashed his wrist and jumped into the water. They fished him out and took him to hospital in Havana."

Left with no alternative, Captain Schroeder steamed toward Miami, hoping the American government would relax its immigration quotas and admit his stranded passengers. It was to no avail. The U.S. had adopted a cold, unrelentingly hard attitude to Jewish refugees, as had Canada.

U.S. Coast Guard vessels escorted the St. Louis out of American territorial waters.

As the St. Louis headed back to Hamburg, the mood darkened perceptively, then rose dramatically with the news that four West European governments would absorb the Jews.

Two hundred and eighty seven passengers went to Britain, including the Spitzs. The St. Louis returned to Hamburg, with all their factory equipment — which, they later heard, had been confiscated by the Gestapo.

The Spitzs settled in London, and when he was 18, Eric Spitz joined the British Army, becoming an interpreter in France and Belgium. "I made it up to sergeant major," he says with a touch of pride. His father also volunteered for the army.

Gustav Schroeder

Two years after marrying Inge, Spitz, his parents and sister immigrated to Toronto. "We felt we had no future in England after the war," says Inge.

Neither Spitz nor his wife has revisited Germany. "I don't hate the Germans," he observes. "I'm not the hateful type. I'm not a very big traveller in the first place. What I would look for in Breslau (now in Poland) wouldn't be there. And to tell you the truth, I'm not such a sentimentalist. Canada is now my home, my country, my home... I've lived in Canada longer than anywhere else."

Spitz and his wife, who have three married sons and three grandsons, were recently reunited with 26 of the St. Louis passengers at a reunion in Florida organized by Rabbi Barry Knonovich of the Cuban Hebrew Congregation and the city of Miami Beach.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voyage of the Damned, the survivors and their spouses took a trip down Biscayne Bay aboard a chartered boat rechristened the "St. Louis." Accompanying the "St. Louis" was a rotting teak and mahogany boat called the Ostwind, rumored to have been Adolf Hitler's personal yacht.

As Spitz tells it, the St. Louis incident was not the prime topic of conversation. Yet, as long as he lives, he'll never forget it.

"Sometimes, it's all like a dream. At other times, I relect on it and it goes away. You have to live your life — your children, grandchildren, work. All this occupies your time. You don't think about it (the St. Louis) continuously. But in a corner of my mind, the St. Louis will always be there."

Opinion

"That's unbelievable, it couldn't be"

Gevalt ! No Jewish scholarship winners

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I'm not a Jewish chauvinist, but I would surely question the impartiality of anyone who would deny us a prominent place in the world of scholarship. But I must confess that a couple of weeks ago this deeply-rooted belief was shaken somewhat.

What happened was that the Aug. 7 issue of the Toronto Star prominently displayed its annual two-page spread of pictures of the "Top Scholars" of the "Metro area high school graduates" of 1989.

J. B. Salsberg

Well, my friendly readers, I nearly passed out, as they would say on Bathurst St., when not a single Jewish name or face appeared among the attractive male and female students who won scholarships to the various higher institutions of learning in Ontario.

That's unbelievable, I murmured. It couldn't be. Why, not so long ago, when most Toronto Jews were immigrants from Eastern Europe; when most of them were employed in the several branches of the "garment industry" and when most of them (despite the frequent strikes) lived in the most modest circumstances; at that time the results of the university entrance exams were awaited in a "Yom Kippur" mood of hope and prayer.

The dedicated high school kids, who had turned their backs on the world for a few weeks and who focussed all their attention on "cramming" for the entrance exams, they awaited the results as if their whole life depended on that report.

When the results were due, our young scholars, their families and friends were on the corner of College and Spadina waiting for the early editions of the morning papers to "get the results," (there was no radio in those days.) And, as was expected, the following day's afternoon papers featured pictures of many of the most brilliant Jewish scholars, winners among the "most brilliant" graduates of the province.

In those days the major high schools of the city were friendly rivals in the competition for the number of scholarships that each would win. It had become routine for Jarvis Collegiate, Harbord Collegiate and, much later, Forest Hill Collegiate, to be the big winners in the scholarship race. The fact that those schools were in the Jewish neighborhoods did not escape public notice.

In many Jewish working class homes the winning of a scholarship by a son or daughter was celebrated with pride and joy. It meant that the child would get the chance to rise above the struggling life of a garment worker. And rise they did, kein ayen horeh. . . .

I know a very cultured Jewish printer whose daughter and her husband graduated from the medical faculty of U. of T. as the gold (she) and silver (he) medalists and are now professors in a prestigious medical school. And the son of the same parents is a professor of mathematics in a famous American university.

I also know the son of a Toronto cloakmaker and a dressmaking mother who is now a world-renowned medical doctor who teaches and lectures in leading world medical schools.

And, I also know the son of a tailor whose "son the doctor" is a world-class surgeon and the head of the given section of his specialty in one of the top hospitals in Toronto. Our Jewish social workers are among the elite in that profession.

Countless professors in all fields of science, culture, history, literature etc. in this country were cradled in Jewish working class homes. Some of Canada's best known rabbis also came from typically Jewish working class homes.

All this spiritual and cultural wealth was produced when we were economically poor. . . .

Now, when we have a fair-sized middle class and a not-so-small "upper class," we find not a single picture of a Jewish scholarship winner in the Star's feature pages of scholarship winners in Metro Toronto. . . .

What happened? Will someone console me and stop the flow of tears from my tired eyes?

However, turning our eyes to the future, as we must, I hear the words of the prophets and I say; be consoled; oh be consoled my people for all is not lost.

We still have the poor among us and from their ranks will rise spiritually and socially motivated leaders and spokesmen.

Indeed, our ancient sages assured us that "the poor shall always be among us."

Don't lose hope. According to the findings of the Toronto Jewish Family and Child Service, no less than 17% of our city's Jewish population live at, or below, the poverty line. So you see, things aren't all bad. . . .

So, let us hope and pray that they will supply us with a few Jewish student scholarship winners among next year's high school graduates in Metro Toronto where the largest Jewish community in the country lives.

(I promise the next year's top Jewish high school graduate a modest personal prize in recognition of his or her achievement. And, the editor permitting, a column dedicated to the winner.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, clearly written, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and printed signatures.

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WHO IS A JEW?

After reading your article titled "Who is a Jew issue resurfaces" (CJN, Aug. 3), I first laughed, then cried, and finally in exasperation I was driven to verse. The following little poem will not solve anything, but it sure made me feel better.

Who's a Jew? Who's a Jew?
I am one, and so are you,
All the rest I'm not quite sure,
And confidentially, entre-nous,
I've been wondering about you, too.
Who's a Jew? Who's a Jew? . . .

Ed Binder
Montreal

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DEPLORES WAIVER DECISION

I disagree with the decision of The National Conference on Soviet Jewry to support the temporary waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment.

The amendment provided links leading to trade concessions for the Soviet Union provided the Soviet Union improved its human rights record. While there have been some superficial improvements for Jews wishing to remain in the Soviet Union and a modest increase in immigration, those steps are not sufficient to justify the abandonment of any resource available to the western world.

Economic pressure is still of fundamental importance, especially at this time when the financial foundation of the Soviet Union is on the brink of bankruptcy.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry did not act in the best interest of Soviet Jewry by unilaterally eliminating economic pressure from its arsenal.

Bert Raphael
Chairman
Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry
Toronto

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IS IT LONG-LOST BROTHER?

I would like to tell you about what happened to our daughter, Francine. So you will be able to understand more clearly what I am about to tell you, I must say that my daughter, Francine, looks like me very much.

Late afternoon on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1987, my daughter was bathing at the beach in Tel Aviv, when suddenly she came face to face with a man aged 65 to 70 years old. This man stopped dead when he set his eyes upon my daughter and seemed quite taken aback. He looked at her as if she was a ghost.

A little while after, this man walked by in front of Francine who was sitting on the beach with a friend. He stopped and stared at her for a few minutes. He appeared to be agitated. He tried to speak, but could not. He finally shrugged his shoulders as if to say "It cannot be possible."

It suddenly came to my daughter that this man looked like her grandfather (my father). She did not have the presence of mind to speak to him.

In fact I had a brother who was deported in 1943. We received one letter that he managed to send to us which explained that he was in Madjanek. Since that day we have heard nothing from him.

The description that Francine gave me of this man who was so shocked on seeing her (age, height, the color of his eyes) sounds exactly like my brother Max.

I am constantly haunted by the thought that this man could have been my brother, who thought he recognized me through my daughter. If any person knows of his whereabouts please contact me immediately. Max Heilbronn, born June 20, 1920, in Luxembourg.

Suzy Alexandre-Heilbronn
20 ter, avenue Gustave Delory
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Her father was rabbi of the Haupt Synagogue in Nuremberg.

WON'T GO BACK TO NUREMBERG

I was very interested to read your articles on the Jewish communities in West Germany, especially the one on Nuremberg where I was born and where I lived until 9 months after Hitler's rise to power.

My father, Rabbi Dr. Isaak Heilbronn, was the rabbi of the Haupt-synagogue, as pictured in your article, from 1912 to 1939. He always maintained that he would not leave his congregation, but after his release from Dachau, where he was taken in the "Kristallnacht," he decided to try to leave. His release was granted more easily, as I had, under great difficulties, obtained permission for my parents to come to England. My parents had sent me to England when I was only 18, to learn English. This proved to be very lucky, as I was able to get my parents out of Germany.

After trying for nearly a year to get visas for the United States, my parents finally sailed for New York in January 1940. My father, together with the former rabbi of Munich, founded a congregation, Beth Hillel of Washington Heights (New York). The congregants were mostly from Nuremberg and Munich and some other German cities.

I never went back to Germany and I would not accept an invitation from the authorities in Nuremberg if they were to send me one. I must say that the mayor and his staff are trying very hard to eradicate all the hard feelings which we harbor in our hearts. They even publish an annual list of names and addresses of all the Jewish ex-residents, wherever they may be in the world. I also received a number of pamphlets showing all the lectures, etc., which they were organizing in commemoration of the "Kristallnacht."

(Mrs.) Irmgard Pinto
(nee Heilbronn)
Montreal

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THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM

We have just returned from visiting Israel with the B'nai Brith 1989 summer family tour to Israel led by Yechiel Glustein. All aspects of the tour were excellent, and Israel is more beautiful and exciting than ever.

We urge all those who have not been to Israel within the past couple of years to make a point of travelling in the near future. Or else phone B'nai Brith in Montreal and book a spot in the 1990 summer family tour of Israel. It is vital that we show our support for Israel by visiting it.

This Year in Jerusalem!

Vivi Hirchberg
Joel Hirchberg
Thornhill, Ontario
Toronto

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BRIDGE PLAYER OMITTED

The writer of the article dealing with Canada's participation at the Maccabiah Games (CJN, July 27) was remiss in omitting the name of Victor J. Goldberg of Halifax as a member of Canada's Master Bridge Team, winners of the silver medal. I am sure the other team members would want this brilliant bridge player's name mentioned along with theirs.

Simon L. Gaum
Halifax

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CORRECT ADDRESS

I read with interest the review of the Israel Travel Guide, among Books on Jerusalem (CJN, July 6).

You note that the book was published by the World Zionist Organization, and provide your readers with that organization's post office box, which, of course, is not the address for those who wish to order the book from the publisher.

I am enclosing the correct address: Israel Travel Guide, P.O. Box 33475, 31333 Haifa, Israel. Tel: 04-527066, 04-530967.

Haim Nirel
Jerusalem

SUPPORTS WOMEN OF THE WALL

I was pleased to see The CJN article of July 13 describing the support of Knesset Member Avrum Burg for the Women of the Wall. No matter which stream of Jewry one identifies with, it is sad that in this day and age Jews should be violently prevented from praying in Jerusalem.

If your readers would like to support the efforts of the Women of the Wall, they may contact the New Israel Fund of Canada, which works to improve the status of women in Israel. Indeed, Avrum Burg, who was a member of the New Israel Fund Board before his election to the Knesset, was the Fund's first Leadership Fellow and has continued to speak out eloquently on many important issues.

The New Israel Fund of Canada can be reached at (416) 785-1707 or P.O. Box 114, Commerce Court West, Toronto M5L 1E2.

Trudy S. Shecter
Managing Director
Toronto

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GENEROUS JEWISH COMMUNITY

Recently a close friend of ours passed away, after a courageous fight against cancer. He left a wife and four young children, and many relatives and friends.

This family has only lived in Toronto for two years, yet the warmth and generosity of our Jewish community was overwhelming.

When we moved to Toronto a few years ago, we heard about the 'coldness' of the Jewish community here, and how difficult it was to make friends for new arrivals. Never have I been so sadly misinformed. I myself received dozens of calls from people wanting to know what they could do to help ease the pain of this tragedy.

It is obvious that Toronto Jews are a warm, caring community, with an incredible amount of love to give. I am proud to be a part of the Toronto Jewish family.

Helen Goldman
Toronto

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DEPLORES LACK OF COVERAGE

On the evening of July 17 I attended a Yiddish concert at the amphitheatre of the Earl Bales Park in North York conducted under the auspices of the Yiddish Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

I was amazed at the overflow audience of some 3,000 people of all ages who showed up at and around the site and I also witnessed scores of cars that were turned away by the police and left because they couldn't find parking space anywhere near the park.

I was therefore astonished when not a word or a photo of this extremely successful event was reported in your paper. I am curious to know what the criteria are for you to regard a public gathering newsworthy enough to merit your attention.

Phil Givens
Toronto

World-National

Obeid providing useful information

Sheikh's capture seen aiding Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah leader kidnapped by Israel last month, "is singing like a bird" to his captors, says a leading Israeli journalist.

Shmuel Segev, senior correspondent for the Ma'ariv newspaper, told a recent community leadership breakfast that Obeid is a veritable treasure trove of information because he fears the same treatment from his kidnappers as Western hostages in Beirut have met from extremist Arab groups.

Israeli intelligence is corroborating what Obeid is saying, and is able to separate truth from lies, Segev said.

Despite world-wide condemnation of Obeid's kidnapping from his home in south Lebanon by a crack Israeli unit, "there is not one single reservation" about the matter in Israel, he added.

The capture of Obeid achieved three immediate results, Segev noted: it forced the inclusion in any negotiations of the three Israeli soldiers still held captive in Beirut; it has pushed the intifada off the front page of the newspapers, although that was not the intention of the action; and it has given the West more time and a better position for a negotiated compromise to the hostage crisis.

Israel's motivation for Obeid's capture was the United States' apparent disregard, in their secret talks with Iran, of the three Israeli PoWs in Beirut.

"If the U.S. was going to do it alone, then Israel was going to do it alone too," Segev said, adding that there was growing concern in Jerusalem that the hostages would be freed, minus the Israelis.

The kidnapping showed "the best of the Israeli army: its imagination, courage and excellent intelligence."

In spite of the West downplaying Obeid's importance in the Middle East, Segev said the Moslem cleric is a key leader of the Hezbollah (Party of God), a radical Arab group with close ties to Iran, and widely believed to be behind the capture of Western hostages in Beirut.

"For the first time, we have a man of authority."

In other matters, Segev, who is also Israel's correspondent for the Paris newsmagazine L'Express, said "the majority of Israelis are for peace, but not at any cost."

Israelis are about evenly divided on how to achieve peace, he said. Half favor a territorial compromise involving the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while the other half would hold on to the territories "for as long as possible."

Neither Israel nor Syria have any intention of quitting their respective strongholds in Lebanon, he added.

Israel will continue to maintain a military superiority over Arab states for the next seven to 10 years, he predicted.

Segev, whose visit was under the auspices of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa, said Canada will not upgrade relations with the PLO "as long as you remain vigilant" and the Jewish community maintains the level of pressure seen after Ottawa removed certain restrictions in contacts with the PLO.

Segev's talk was sponsored by the Community Action for Israel Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid

U.S. ready to maintain dialogue with PLO despite Fatah statement

WASHINGTON (JTA)

Despite a U.S. rebuke of the recent political program adopted by the main branch of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the State Department says it will not terminate its eight-month-old dialogue with the group.

State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said that PLO reaffirmation of its commitment to take practical steps toward peace was "a very principal focus of the dialogue." He added: "We didn't say if they don't (reaffirm the commitment) we will stop" the dialogue.

At a meeting in Tunisia, Al Fatah, the main PLO branch, approved a program that advocates "intensifying and escalating armed action and all forms of struggle to eliminate the Zionist Israeli occupation."

The State Department said the program contains "derogatory rhetoric" and raises questions about Fatah's commitment to peace.

Yasser Arafat

A major U.S. topic at last week's U.S.-PLO meeting — the fourth formal one in Tunisia — was urging the PLO to support a dialogue between Israel and Palestinians.

"We continue to believe that through an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, progress can be achieved in moving the process forward to elections and to peace negotiations," said Boucher.

The United States is seeking a "positive Palestinian response to the Israeli election idea," he added.

The Israeli plan, which would have Palestinians in the territories vote to elect leaders to negotiate autonomy measures, has been criticized by Arab countries and the PLO for not automatically providing for the creation of a Palestinian state.

They have also been concerned about whether East Jerusalem Arabs will be allowed to vote.

For the past few months, the United States has been pressing the PLO to support the elections idea and to allow moderate Palestinians to talk to Israel.

Boucher would not describe the PLO response to any issues raised by Robert Pelletreau, the U.S. ambassador to Tunisia and the sole U.S. diplomat allowed to talk to the group.

Pelletreau said after the meeting that the talks were "serious and probing." He said the next "milestone," but not the last in the search for a Middle East peace, is Palestinian elections in the territories.

Palestinian detention extended

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The defence ministry extended administrative detention for Palestinians from six to 12 months, an action which prompted criticism from Washington and condemnation by the Israeli left.

By order of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the military may now keep a person in custody for a full year without pressing charges or holding a trial.

It must be approved by a military judge, however, and brought before the judge after six months for reevaluation.

The defence establishment said the extension was necessary because of the deteriorating situation in the territories, where the Palestinian uprising is now in its 21st month.

If the situation improves, the order could be reversed, defence sources said.

The United States reportedly criticized the new order, saying it was "not conducive to peace."

Yossi Sarid, a Knesset member of the leftist Citizens Rights Movement, called it "another nail in the coffin of Israeli democracy."

Knesset member Amnon Rubinstein of the Center-Shinui Party said the order was contrary to the rule of law.

The Israel Association for Civil Rights observed that administrative detention, which is imprisonment without trial, was "a very extreme measure whose use should be limited rather than expanded."

Administrative detention, a holdover from the emergency regulations of the British Mandate period, is used when the military authorities lack sufficient evidence to try a suspect or do not want to expose their witnesses at a trial.

An estimated 5,000 Palestinians have been placed in administrative detention since the intifada began in December 1987. Currently, more than 2,000 are being held, with most of them imprisoned at the Ketziot detention camp in the Negev.

Israel considers penalties against British journalist

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israeli authorities are considering penalties against a correspondent of the Sunday Times of London for filing a story which claimed that two Israeli soldiers held hostage by Hezbollah in Lebanon are long dead, Ha'aretz reported last week.

The story, widely quoted here and abroad, was not submitted to the military censor.

Davar quoted a reliable diplomatic source in Washington as saying that Israel has information indicating that the soldiers held by Hezbollah were alive several months ago.

Contrary to the Sunday Times story, the IDF never informed the families that the men died in captivity, Davar said.

The Sunday Times story claimed that the kidnapped Hezbollah chief, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, told his Israeli interrogators that the soldiers, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh, died of wounds shortly after they were ambushed and kidnapped in southern Lebanon three years ago.

Israel declined to comment but an IDF spokesman suggested that Hezbollah was engaged in a disinformation campaign.

Senior IDF officers apparently alerted the soldiers' families that the story would appear in the London newspaper the next day.

The families reportedly were told that the IDF considers the soldiers to be alive until informed otherwise by a credible source, such as the Red Cross.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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FRISCH — ASCH

Here are two names which compel a second look.

The literal meaning of FRISCH is fresh but that is not the source of the surname.

FRISCH is an acronym for FREI (free), STAAT (state) — a free state or republic.

Similarly, although ASCH means ASH, the surname ASCH is an acronym for ALT (old) SCHULE (synagogue) which refers to the old synagogue in the City of Prague. It was the surname of a prominent Jewish writer SHOLOM ASCH.

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GITLIN — DOBRIN

GITTEL is a familiar given name to girls. It derives from GUTTE — a good girl.

GITTEL yields the matronymic surname GITLIN.

The Slavonic equivalent is DOBRIN from the Polish word DOBRA — good. In Israel, it's TOVA from TOV — good.

DOBRIN is also the name of a Polish town near Warsaw on the Vistula River (spelled DOBRZYN).

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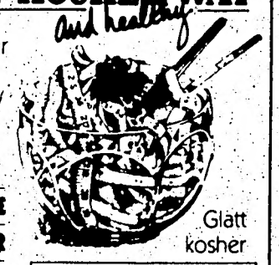

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Greater municipal share seen in assistance to olim

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
A plan to get Israel's municipalities to assume greater responsibility for olim will be put to the Israel Board of Municipalities next month, a Jewish Agency official has told The CJN.

Uri Gordon says the plan, which must ultimately receive Agency approval, could be in operation within the next two years.

Gordon says that because municipalities are more flexible and have a better idea of local needs than bureaucracies, it's essential Israel's cities and towns be given a greater role in helping absorb immigrants.

"The local municipalities have solutions for the needs of the oleh in the most indispensable fields," he says. "The day-to-day routine cannot be conducted from the offices in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv."

Uri Gordon

Gordon says he has already discussed his proposal with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Gordon plans to enlist small municipalities (up to 30,000) first. Such towns, he says, not only can be effectively mobilized to promote aliyah but are also genuinely interested in having newly arrived olim strike roots.

Under Gordon's plan, municipalities will be expected to help immigrants find jobs and homes. They will also be asked to assume responsibility for teaching olim Hebrew and for supporting them while they are learning it.

Gordon's plan also calls for the establishment of special bureaus in each municipality to provide counselling and guidance for immigrants. It also suggests that mayors of towns and cities go on short-term visits to Diaspora communities to promote aliyah.

Gordon has no doubt local government can help olim in ways lumbering bureaucracies cannot.

"The local municipalities in Israel today...are perhaps the sector making the most efforts, in comparison with other public systems which, because of their inflexibility and their inability to adapt themselves to the needs of the hour, merely mark time."

Missionary activity on the rise in Israel, says ministry study

NEW YORK (JTA) —
Missionary activity and cults are on the rise worldwide and particularly in Israel, according to a 500-page study by Israel's Interior Ministry.

The Missionaries & Cults Task Force pinpointed 12 missionary operations and five cults, many of them American-based, that are active in Israel:

• **Messianic Synagogues.** Forty exist in Israel and pose as synagogues with "messianic rabbis," Jewish stars and Torah scrolls, kippot and talleisim in an attempt to present a Christian experience in a congregational setting with a Jewish flavor.

• **Project Kibbutz.** Based in Tulsa, Okla., the program sent 180 volunteers to serve on kibbutzim when kibbutz men left to serve in the army. Although their missionary intent was eventually exposed, which lead to their expulsion from the kibbutz movement, continued missionary infiltration into the kibbutz movement has been reported.

• **Mormon Center.** The Mormons, whose theology requires bringing Jewish people into their fold, have built a $30 million centre in Jerusalem and have published a special training manual on how to convert the Jewish people.

• **Caspari Center.** A San Francisco-based Jews for Jesus enterprise, the Centre runs seminars and courses that train missionaries how to reach out more effectively to Israeli Jews.

• **The Rock of Israel.** This is a California-based ministry that raises funds for and supports Israelis who are involved with proselytizing in the Holy Land.

• **Scientology.** A cult founded by the late American science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard is the largest and most active in Israel, with membership of approximately one-fifth of the schoolteachers in Beersheba.

• **EST.** One of America's mass therapy cults, the group has been operating in Israel under the pseudonym, "The Center."

• **Transcendental Meditation.** This Eastern religious cult recently was granted permission by the Jewish Agency to use an old Nachal base to build a settlement in Judea.

Among the other operations and cults listed by the Task force are Messianic Yeshivot, International Christian Embassy, Voice of Hope Ministries and CBN, Christian Tourism, Morris Cerrullo, Moaz Ministries, Shavuot '88, EMIN, the Unification Church and Hare Krishna.

UIA IN ISRAEL

Walter Hess (left) enjoys a light moment with Rafi Elloul, mayor of the Israeli town of Mazkeret Batia. Hess, executive vice-president of United Israel Appeal of Canada, was recently awarded an honorary citizenship in appreciation of Canadian efforts to help the town of 4,000 advance. An honorary citizenship was also bestowed on Martin Levine, UIA of Canada's immediate past president, who couldn't attend. Elloul credited UIA leadership for establishing ties between his town and the Canadian Jewish community. Calgary's Jewish community is twinned with Mazkeret Batia.

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World-National

Hope to uncover diplomat's fate

Wallenberg's relatives invited to the Soviet Union

NEW YORK (JTA) —

An unprecedented Soviet invitation to the relatives of Raoul Wallenberg has left activists hopeful of uncovering the fate of the Swedish diplomat, who disappeared behind the Iron Curtain soon after rescuing some 100,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II.

In Stockholm last week, Soviet ambassador to Sweden Boris Pankin invited Nina Lagergren and Dr. Guy von Dardel, Wallenberg's half-sister and half-brother, to come to Moscow in October for meetings with high level Soviet government officials.

The move represents the first time since Wallenberg's arrest by Russian secret police in January, 1945 that the Soviets have acknowledged Wallenberg family members' requests for a meeting.

"The main thing that we have is the opportunity to see and talk" with officials, said Lagergren and von Dardel, in a communication with their supporters in the United States. "In our interviews in Sweden, we stressed the importance of the whole world's interest in, and work for, Raoul."

Raoul Wallenberg

"We don't know what the Soviet government is planning or prepared to do," said Rachel Oestreicher Haspel, president of the New York-based Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States. "The number one prayer for people all around the world is to find that Raoul Wallenberg is alive and well and in fact can be released.

"We also hope that they open files on Mr. Wallenberg that have not yet been released," she said.

International efforts on behalf of Wallenberg, a Lutheran, have been spurred by the breadth of his rescue activities on behalf of Jews during the Holocaust.

IN early 1944, Wallenberg, then 32, joined the Swedish diplomatic corps in Budapest at the request of the United States.

While there, he coordinated an effort to save as many Jews as possible from the occupying German troops. He placed many in housing under Swedish protective custody, distributed Swedish passports and found sanctuary for Jews in Christian homes.

By the time the Russian army entered Budapest in January, 1945, at least 120,000 of the city's 230,000 Jews had eluded the Nazi's deportations, 100,000 directly as a result of Wallenberg's actions.

Wallenberg, however, was placed in illegal "protective custody" by the Soviets, ostensibly on spying charges. Little was known of his whereabouts until 1957, when then Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko announced that Wallenberg had died in a Soviet jail of a heart attack 10 years earlier and that his body had been cremated.

In the years since, however, former Soviet prisoners have reported seeing Wallenberg alive as recently as 1988. The Swedish government has continually pressed the Soviets to open its files to investigators.

If alive, Wallenberg would be 77 years old.

Wallenberg has been honored in Israel as a "righteous Gentile" and in the United States as an honorary citizen. On July 27, President Bush signed legislation designating Oct. 5, 1989, as Raoul Wallenberg Day.

Lagergren, wife of a Swedish jurist, and von Dardel, a physicist, are the children of Wallenberg's mother and stepfather, Frederick von Dardel. Wallenberg's natural father died three months before he was born.

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Anti-Zionism Committee still strong in Soviet Union

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Rumored to have been withered by the winds of glasnost, the Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee has re-emerged with a vengeance.

Jewish groups in the United States have denounced a recent statement by the Jewish-led committee which equated Zionism with racism and claimed that Zionist activity in the Soviet Union could only lead to "anti-Jewish sentiments in this country."

The statement was carried in the official Soviet news agency Tass, giving it a sheen of government approval that worries U.S. Soviet Jewry activists.

In a joint statement, two Jewish groups said they were "outraged" that the committee was given a "media platform for its vitriolic, anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic rhetoric."

The statement was signed by Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"We seek assurances that the 'spirit of glasnost' will not be used as an excuse for encouraging the baiting of Soviet Jews as being 'anti-Soviet,' and that such an attitude will never reflect official policy," they said.

Similarly, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith called on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, whose liberalization policies known as glasnost have seen a limited rebirth of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union, to "forcefully denounce" the statement.

Jewish life possible

"Government-sanctioned anti-Zionism is contrary to the letter and spirit of recent Soviet commitments in the field of human rights," said Burton Levinson, ADL's national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, its national director, in a statement.

Jewish groups have denounced the Anti-Zionist Committee since it was formed six years ago — before Gorbachev came to power — ostensibly as the voice of anti-Zionist Judaism in the Soviet Union.

The committee's few visible members have said the group was meant to show not that Zionism is evil, but that a viable Jewish life is possible in the Soviet Union and that not all Jews were seeking to emigrate.

Last year, Soviet officials and committee co-founder Samuel Zivs assured American Jewish leaders that the committee was being disbanded. Zivs said he had resigned his leadership.

The Aug. 8 Tass report, however, follows by one week the first meeting of a Soviet Zionist organization founded by activist and Hebrew teacher Arye (Lev) Gorodetsky.

According to Tass' paraphrase, the "presidium" of the Anti-Zionist Committee said the activities of the Zionist group "would only result in kindling anti-Jewish sentiments in the country" and represented a "deliberate stoking up of tension in inter-ethnic relations."

Describing Zionism as "warlike," the "presidium" repeats the UN General Assembly's 1975 assertion that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination, and says Zionism "is used against the interest of the Jewish working people and in practice joins ranks with rabid anti-Semitism."

French govt. charges Le Pen

PARIS (JTA) —

The justice ministry has decided to press charges of "racist defamation" against Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the extreme right-wing National Front, for claiming that Jews subvert French patriotism.

The first step to bring him to trial was taken last week when Justice Minister Pierre Appaillange instructed the prosecutor general to draft formal charges.

The charge of "racist defamation," a misdemeanor under French law, will be based on an interview with Le Pen published by a right-wing daily recently.

It quoted him as accusing "International Judaism" of undermining national spirit and patriotic sentiments in France.

Several French Jewish organizations have urged the government to take legal action against Le Pen, who has made similar charges against the Masonic lodges.

Le Pen has been a strident voice on the far right of French politics in recent years. While denying he is anti-Semitic, he has publicly called the Holocaust a hoax.

The National Front has done relatively well in French local and national elections. It exploits xenophobia, targeting mainly Arab immigrants from Algeria.

Le Pen's party also won seats in the Strasbourg-based European Parliament, the legislative body of the European Community.

Jean Marie Le Pen

The French justice ministry will ask that body to strip Le Pen of the parliamentary immunity so that he can be brought to trial.

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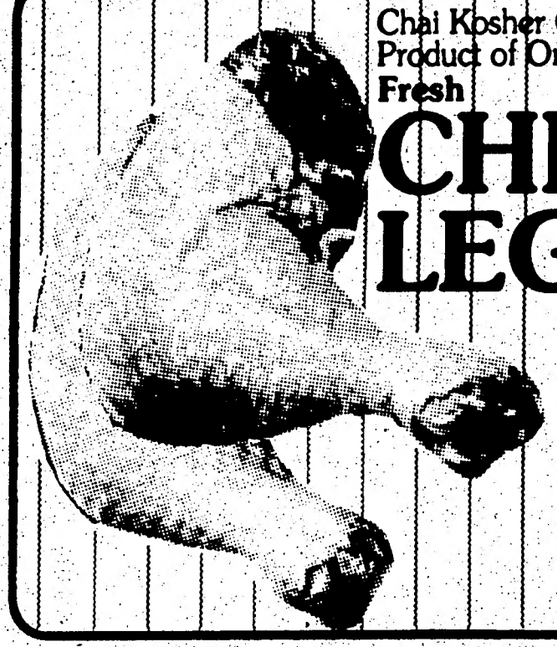

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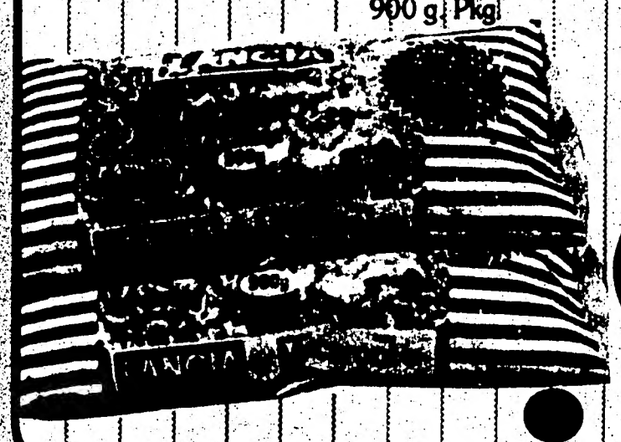

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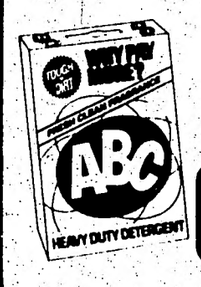

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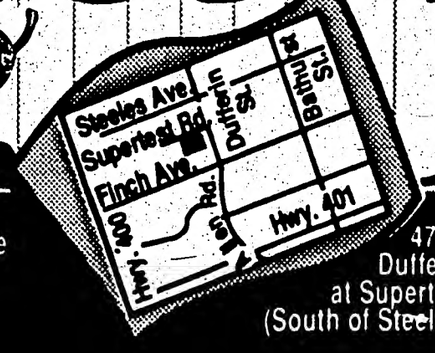

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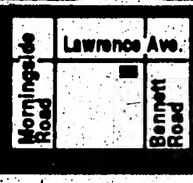

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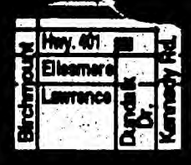

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World-National

Worries Syrians, says minister

Keep intentions vague: Rabin

By
JTA & JPFS

JERUSALEM —

Israel must be vague about its operational plans in Lebanon in order to maintain Syrian apprehension and concern, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has told the Israeli cabinet.

Responding to Science Minister Ezer Weizman's query about the possible use of the Air Force in Lebanon, Rabin said: "It's better that our intentions be kept in ther dark, so that the Syrians will be worried."

In a wide-ranging discussion on Lebanon at last Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting, security sources said that concerted international lobbying had deterred Syria from pressing on with its offensive in Lebanon. The sources said that Damascus is seeking ways of renewing its offensive in Beirut. If the international community does not apply pressure on Damascus, the sources said, Syria is likely to resume its attack.

Relatively small forces have participated in the fighting in Beirut, consisting of Syrian allies among the Druse, Sunnis and Shiites, the sources said. Damascus has been careful not to employ its own ground troops or air force in attacks on the Christians, the sources added.

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At the UN, Israel criticized the Security Council for failing to pass a formal resolution calling for an end to the bloodshed in Beirut.

The foreign ministry said it was "regrettable" that the Security Council limited itself only to an "expression of sorrow" by its current president, Hucine Djoudi of Algeria.

The Security Council consulted at the request of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who asked for a "concerted effort" by the Security Council to work toward a ceasefire in Lebanon, where fighting between Christian and Syrian-backed forces has been intense.

The consultation did not result in a formal resolution. Instead, Djoudi's statement "deplored the intensification" of fighting in Lebanon, expressed "great disquiet at the loss of human lives" and called for a ceasefire on the part of "all parties."

"The statement does not even mention Syria by name," said the foreign ministry in a statement. "Surely the tragic situation in Lebanon warrants more decisive action by the Security Council."

Barukh Binah, spokesman for the Israeli mission, said the council never hesitates in trying to condemn Israel when there is disapproval of its actions.

According to the foreign ministry, fighting in Lebanon has left an estimated 700 dead and over 3,000 wounded since March.

Foreign Minister Arens appealed by telephone to the foreign ministers of France, Italy and Spain — as well as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger (Secretary James Baker is on vacation) and Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny — to "persuade Syria to stop the carnage."

He told them that "every hour could be critical to the civilian population in Lebanon, especially in light of the Syrian attempts to break into (Christian) East Beirut. The civilized world must let the Syrians know that they cannot continue the slaughter with impunity."

Officials in Jerusalem denied that Israel had sent Syria any message through any third party. The officials said that Israel's public attacks on Syria are, however, intended to counter what Jerusalem believes is the Syrian assumption that Israel's traumatic 1982-85 invasion and occupation of Lebanon has "removed us from the Lebanese arena.

"The Syrians should know that there is only so far they can go in Lebanon, especially regarding any designs they might have of expanding further south," the officials said.

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Meanwhile, Israel has allowed some 25,000 refugees from Beirut into the southern Lebanon security zone as a humanitarian gesture, despite the fact that 90% of them are Shiites, a Moslem community hostile to Israel, according to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Speaking to a group of Israeli and foreign correspondents during a visit to the security zone, Rabin contrasted Israel's humanitarian gesture with the failure of the world community to halt the Syrian bombardment of Beirut.

The security zone is an enclave parallel to the Israel border which is policed by the Israel Defence Force and its surrogate South Lebanon Army.

Rabin held his impromptu news conference at the Beth Yahoun crossing, where refugees from the fighting in northern and central Lebanon, arrive daily.

As he spoke, Rabin pointed to a family — including 2- and 3-year-old toddlers — who were just arriving from shell-torn Beirut with whatever possessions they could rescue on their backs.

The world powers express shock and regrets but do nothing to put a stop to the "genocide," Rabin said.

Rabin gave vent to a familiar complaint of Israelis that they are held to a higher standard of conduct than others.

"When the Syrians started killing scores of hundreds of people in and around Beirut, nobody bothered to summon the Security Council," Rabin said.

"But when three of our soldiers overstepped the rules of military conduct in Nablus, we were denounced throughout the world."

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Israel's Christian Arab community is deeply concerned about the situation of the Christians in Beirut but feels "helpless" about doing anything. There have been no overt actions to arouse public opinion, partly for fear of falling afoul of their Moslem neighbors.

"We pray for Beirut every day. That's all we can do. If all the countries of the world can do nothing to stop the destruction, how should we be able to?" said John Majdalani, president of the Greek Orthodox community. Majdalani added that the Greek Orthodox community, the second largest Christian group in Israel, "does not inerfere in politics."

Archbishop Maximus Salum, leader of the Greek Catholics, the country's largest Christian community, said: "This is no longer a matter of collecting food or money for the Christians. Now it's a matter of life and death.

"It is a big problem, a tragic situation, but there is little we can do or say. Perhaps now all the governments of the world must act to restore peace in Lebanon. We here can do nothing."

The Israeli Christians' dilemma — torn between anxiety for their coreligionists in Lebanon and relations with their Moslem neighbors — is clearly reflected in the Arabic daily of the mainly-Arab Communist Party, many of whose staffers are Christians. They are devoting much more space to the intifada than to the tragic events in Beirut where the Christians are facing annihilation.

Israel denies negotiations

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

The Defence Ministry has issued a flat denial of a report claiming that Israel was involved in negotiations with Hezbollah for the return of navigator Ron Arad and the bodies of kidnapped Givati soldiers Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh in exchange for Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid and 450 Shiites.

The ministry also announced the extension of the appointment of Tel Aviv attorney Ori Slonim as special adviser to the defence minister on the captive soldiers. Slonim, a confidant of Rabin first appointed to the post last September, was recently in Europe and is said to be closely involved with the latest intense efforts to establish a dialogue with Hezbollah.

Begin is recovering

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin was hospitalized last week after complaining of "general weakness."

Dr. Yonatan Halevi, of Shaare Zedek Hospital, said Begin would remain in the hospital "two or three days" to undergo tests, but that he could "probably" rule out any "serious problem."

Halevi said his patient was ambulatory and in good spirits.

Begin, 76, has been a semi-recluse since he resigned from office suddenly in 1983.

Since then, he has rarely been seen in public and receives only family members and close friends.

A small group of friends and former political associates gathered at Begin's suburban Jerusalem home last weekend to celebrate his 76th birthday.

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Government hoping to spur tourism

Israel's hotels express opposition to price controls

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The ministry of tourism has ordered hotels to reduce their prices and hotel owners are livid.

The price controls and reductions, approved by the Knesset finance committee were instituted by Tourism Minister Gideon Patt to spur Israel's badly sagging tourist trade.

According to a recent survey, Tel Aviv is the world's sixth most expensive tourist destination. Patt said that because Israel has an exaggerated reputation as an expensive country to visit, his price changes are basic, "not cosmetic."

The Likud Party member finds himself in a running battle with the Hotel Owners Association, headed by Eli Paposhado, who claimed that the high prices only reflect the costs of labor, services and raw materials.

Ami Federman, head of the Dan chain of hotels, insisted that price controls "will not bring a single additional tourist to Israel."

According to Federman, tourism is down because of the Palestinian uprising. Only a vigorous marketing campaign abroad can help, something this ministry has not undertaken, the hotelier complained.

Gideon Patt

But the ministry's campaign has won press and public support, especially after it was widely reported that a hamburger cost $8.67 at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

That price was defended by Federman, whose chain owns the famous hotel built more than 60 years ago and still regarded by many as the finest hotel in Israel.

He explained that the King David burger is no ordinary hamburger, but rather made from steak filetts. Because of the new price controls, it will henceforth cost considerably less.

The new price set by the tourism ministry, for bed and breakfast at the King David and other five-star hotels, is $173 per night. It is $153 at four-star hotels and $102 at three-star establishments.

Militant Jewish leader charged after shootout

NEW YORK (JTA) — The leader of the militant Jewish Defence Organization has been charged with attempted murder and first degree assault after he peppered a Greenwich Village street with bullets, wounding a bystander.

Mordechai Levy, 27, the founder and president of the JDO, was taken into police custody after authorities searched for him for over two hours.

The shootout appeared to be connected to a rivalry between the JDO and the Jewish Defence League. The JDL was founded by Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1968, who turned the leadership over to Irv Rubin when he moved to Israel in 1985. That year, Levy, who was a JDL member, broke away to form the JDO, saying the JDL wasn't militant enough.

According to police, the conflict started when Rubin went to Levy's building to serve him with court papers related to a libel suit in Los Angeles. The suit reportedly stems from allegations that Levy called Rubin and his wife drug dealers on a Los Angeles radio show two months ago.

Neighbors said Rubin and the two men accompanying him began to throw rocks at Levy's second-floor windows, when they could not get to his apartment.

A witness quoted in New York newspapers heard the JDL members taunt, "Mordy, come down here, we've got something for you."

Levy then opened fire onto the street with a Ruger Mini-14 rifle, injuring 69-year-old Dominick Spinnelli in the knee. Spinnelli, a mechanic, had been sitting in a van parked on the street.

Police blocked off the street and searched for Levy for over two hours. Negotiations ensued between Levy and the police, and he was eventually convinced to surrender and was taken into custody.

Levy was charged with four counts of attempted murder, one count of assault in the first degree and one count of possession of a deadly weapon.

Police later found seven additional assault rifles in Levy's apartment, including an Uzi.

As Levy was brought to the police station, he told reporters that Rubin and his companions had been trying to kill him.

Levy's organization is made up of only a handful of people, but Levy himself consistently grabs headlines on a variety of issues.

Most recently, he attempted to organize a record store boycott of the rap group Public Enemy, after one of the group's members made anti-Semitic remarks in a newspaper interview.

Last year, after a Yeshiva University student was stabbed, Levy's organization patrolled the area and handed out applications for gun permits to teachers and students.

The JDO advocates armed resistance to anti-Semitism and Levy encourages Jews to purchase guns. He is shunned by mainstream Jewish leaders who consider him an extremist.

Jews in Britain are angered by attack on Holocaust memorial

LONDON (JTA) — The Holocaust memorial in Hyde Park has been desecrated on two consecutive weekends and the Jewish community is angry but taking it in stride.

Two weeks ago, cement was poured on the monument. Last weekend it was splattered with paint.

On both occasions, the vandalism coincided with neo-Nazi demonstrations in North London.

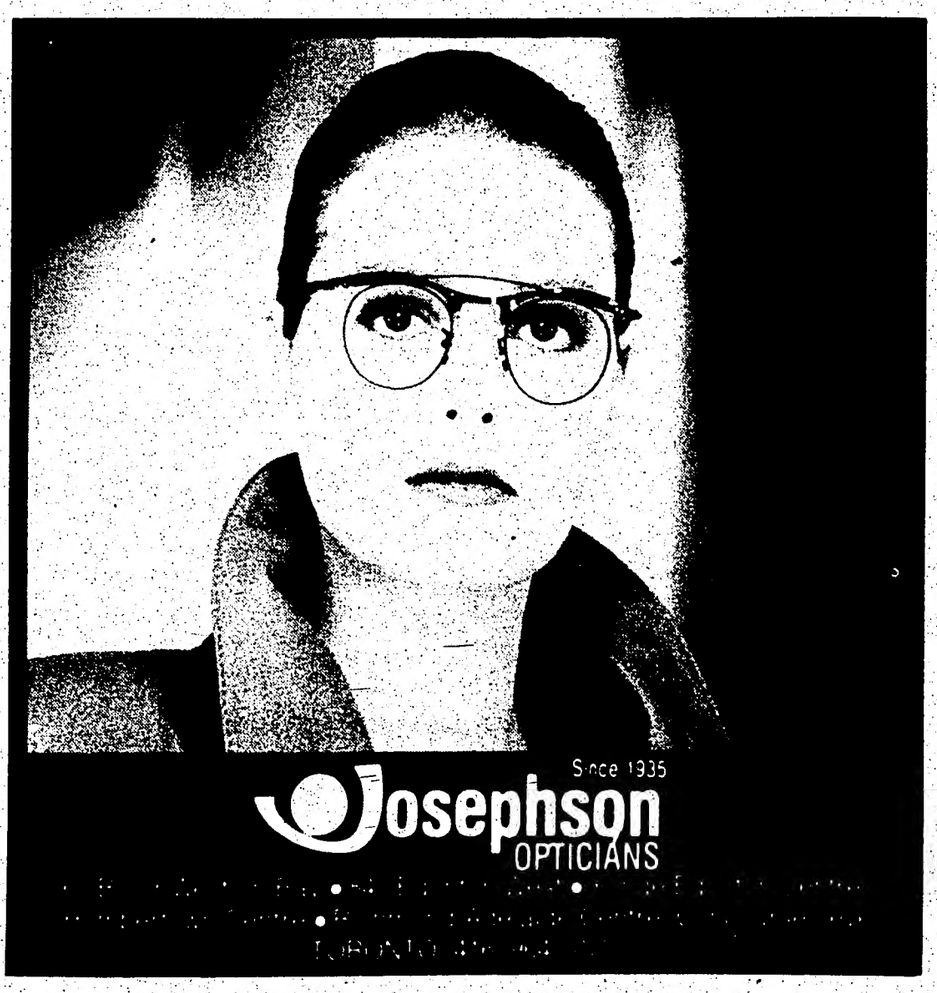
"It is very sad indeed, but this sort of thing happens from time to time," said Hayim Pinner, secretary general of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

"The police are responsible for security and we are assured that the best is being done to protect the memorial," Pinner added.

The Holocaust monument was established six years ago on the initiative of then president of the Board of Deputies, Greville Janner. A cabinet secretary represented the government at the inauguration.

The memorial is in the form of a roughly hewn stone on which are engraved in Hebrew and English a quotation from the Book of Lamentations:

"For those I weep, streams of tears flow from my eyes because of the destruction of my people."



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Organizations and People

Father, son long-time supporters of Israel

Max and Issy Sharp chosen 1989 Negev dinner honorees

TORONTO —

Max Sharp, retired Toronto builder, and his son, Isadore Sharp, Chairman and President of Four Seasons Hotels and resorts, the Toronto-based luxury hotel company, have been chosen as the honourees at the 1989 Negev Tribute Dinner. The event will be held December 3, 1989 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (JNF), the agency responsible for the development of public land in Israel, the tribute dinner honours Canadians who have demonstrated excellence in community leadership and service to others.

Born in Poland in 1902, Max Sharp travelled to Palestine in 1920 to become a farmer in lower Galilee, He was one of the original pioneers of Bitanya, one of Israel's first kibbutzim. There he spent five years learning plastering and the construction industry.

After moving to Toronto in 1925, Sharp started his own construction business, and was joined by his son Isadore in 1952. The younger Sharp ventured out on his own in 1961 to open the first Four Seasons hotel, in downtown Toronto.

Max (left) and Isadore Sharp

Over the years Max Sharp has continued to contribute to the development of Israel: a garden at the Weizmann Institute; a forest at Mount Scopus; a cafeteria in the Technion; student scholarships; ambulances for the Tel HaShomer (now Sheba Hospital); and a hotel/condominium complex in Netanya. His name was inscribed in the JNF Golden Book before 1948.

Toronto-born Isadore Sharp supports many community, cultural and charitable activities. He was the first recipient of the Ruth Hartman Frankel Humanitarian Award for his work on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society. He initiated the corporate sponsorship program supporting the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. When that run ended, he founded and continues to direct the annual Terry Fox Run Program.

In 1989, Issy received the "Distinguished Service Award in International Rehabilitation" by the New York-based World Rehabilitation Fund in recognition of his ongoing commitment to fund research for the cure of cancer through the worldwide Terry Fox Runs.

Issy Sharp is a director of the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program, a member of the board of governors of Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto, and a public director, representing the public's interest of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. He is also a director of The Council for Canadian Unity and a director of Roy L. Merchant Group Inc.

In 1988, Issy was voted "Corporate Hotelier of the World" by the 40,000 worldwide readers of Hotels & Restaurants International magazine. The same year the International Hotel Association honored him with the distinction "Officer de la Confreric des Amis de L'hotellerie Internationale."

The 1989 Negev Tribute will give Canadians the opportunity to participate in "Operation Water-The-Nation," bringing water to the people of this hot and dry area. The Max and Isadore Sharp Dam and Water Reservoir will enable the citizens of Beit Shean Valley to irrigate farmland, expand fish breeding ponds and enrich the existing water supplies to improve the ecological and environmental quality of life.

Akerman wins Terry Fox Award

By
STEPHEN GARDNER

TORONTO —

A North York high school student recently became one of 44 students nationwide to win the Terry Fox Award.

Kelly Akerman, a graduate of Sir Sanford Fleming Secondary School, won the prestigious award, given to students who have dedicated themselves to worthwhile causes and charities. The award is in the form of a university scholarship which grants each winner approximately $16,000 over a period of three years.

The Terry Fox Award is a well deserved honor for Akerman who, for the past six years, has devoted countless time and energy volunteering for various clubs and charitable organizations.

For the past three years, Akerman was an active member of his school's dance marathon committee, an event which raises money for leukemia. He next joined the Outreach Group, a volunteer organization associated with Baycrest's geriatric centre, and then began donating his time to the Hospital For Sick Children.

Akerman's growing involvement in charities then led him to become a member of the Red Cross Youth Council of North York.

Besides all of his charity work, Akerman has been a staunch member of his high school's yearbook committee, the prom committee, the assistant cub master for the third York Downs wolf-cub pack, and a volunteer for the Ontario Science Center.

"Winning the award," said Akerman, "is a great honor. I really didn't expect to win, but I was ecstatic when I found out."

In September, Akerman will begin his first year at Queen's University in Kingston, where he hopes to achieve a combined Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree.

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Organizations and People

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Ri'ay

"*Ri'ay!* Behold! I set before you today a blessing and a curse. . . ." (Devarim 11:26)

A bold choice was given to the Jewish people — a blessing or a curse. To be elevated Heavenward, or cast down. Israel does not, *cannot*, live like other nations, set at normal. We either fly sky high, or we fall below the feet of others.

Rabbi Gottesman

The choice is in our hands. ". . . *Asher tishmi'u* . . . The blessing if you will hearken!" (Ibid 11:27) The blessing does not come just as a reward for listening to God's commands, the blessing is found in doing the commandments themselves! The true reward is not gold seats in the Garden of Eden, it is living a Godly life.

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There was a custom in the neighborhood of the Rizhiner Rabbi that the shoiceht (ritual slaughterer) was the official machins orach, welcomer of visitors to the community.

Once a shoichet was appointed who refused to take in guests, slamming the door to all visitors. When the Rizhiner Rabbi heard this behavior, he removed the shoichet from his post.

The shoichet ran to complain to the Rabbi. "Why do you lay this mitzvah on me alone? There are wealthier people with larger homes who can better afford to lodge guests?"

Answered the Rizhiner: "We read in the Torah of the terrible crime of an ir hanidachat an apostate city that turned to idolatry. It was the duty of all Israel to rise up as one and wipe out this idolatrous place.

"After the m'tzvah was carried out, the Torah promises: 'And He will show you mercy and have compassion upon you!' (Devarim 13:18) Why make such a promise? But after the Israelites fulfilled such a harsh and mercilless commandment, there was a danger that the quality of cruelty and stone-heartedness would cleave to them! After wiping out a whole city, they would abandon the mercy and kindness that marks a true Jew. So the Torah had to assure that compassion and mercy would again reign."

Continued the Rizhiner: "The same with a shoichet like you for whom killing is a profession. It is a necessary, but kindless act. So, to make certain that a shoichet does not lose the quality of mercy and feeling, it is incumbent for him to do acts of chessed like looking after poor visitors!"

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Have we not learned our lesson yet? We Jews are a people that can survive only by living an inspired, spiritutal way — otherwise, we place ourselves in grave danger.

The Torah declares: "And He will give you rest from all your enemies roundabout, and you will dwell in safety!" (Devarim 12:10)

In this time of great peril to the Land of Israel, can we afford the dubious luxury of fighting pitched religious wars within? Is this the time for *chayrems* and personal abuse and insults, or a time for humanity and respect and tolerance?

When the lion roars outside our gates, we need *zchusim*, merits and blessings, blessings we will only harvest by loving one another. Elul is coming, it is time to repent. Shabbat Shalom.

Sen. Nathan Nurgitz

Senator Nathan Nurgitz to get BB Award of Merit

WINNIPEG —

Senator Nathan Nurgitz has been named a winner of the 1989 B'nai Brith Canada Award of Merit. He will be honored at the Westin Hotel in Winnipeg Sunday, Nov. 26.

Other 1989 honorees are former UN ambassador Allan Gotlieb, who received his in Ottawa in April, Bill Morris, who will receive his in Hamilton in September, and Irving Lutner, who will be honored in Montreal in November.

Nurgitz has played an active role in the Canadian Jewish community as a member of the Canada Israel Committee.

While practicing law, he became involved in local politics and served as an alderman of the city of West Kildonan from 1963-69. In 1970 he was elected national vice-president of the Progressive Conservative party of Canada and then national president of the party. He is the first Jew to serve as national president of one of the three main political parties in Canada.

Co-chairmen for the award evening will be Israel Asper of Canwest Inc., Kevin Kavanagh of Great-West Life Assurance Co., and Senator Duff Roblin.

Previous Winnipeg honorees include Mayor William Norrie, Lt.-Gov. Pearl McGonigal, Mendle Meltzer, Sol Kanee and Michael Gobuty.

Toronto family's relatives survive intifada bombing

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The intifada touched the lives of a Toronto family recently, when Israeli relatives were fire-bombed while driving a car in the West Bank.

Miraculously, they escaped.

Two of the Molotov cocktails struck the car and exploded, but a third, which went through the windshield, did not.

"This is happening daily in the territories but we don't hear about it," said Esther Etigson of Gail Crest Circle, Thornhill, whose brother-in-law's parents were involved.

The elderly couple, Rabbi Ben Harush, and his wife, Sarah, of Kiryat Moshe near Jerusalem, were in the car, along with their son, Shimon, his wife, Elisheva, and three granchildren. They were returning in the evening from a Shabbat visit to two sons who live in the settlement of Shilot in the West Bank.

The grandchildren were 4-year-old twin girls, Shimrit and Zehovrit, and a 10-month-old baby girl.

"One bottle shattered the windshield and nearly everyone was hit by some flying glass," Etigson said. "Rabbi Harush said that it is a miracle no one was hurt. He said the bottle landed right in his lap but did not explode."

Etigson said the standard procedure when something like this happens is for a passenger in the car to fire off a few shots to advise settlers that help is needed. "Shimon had a gun in the car and did fire it. People came immediately and took away the children first. The car had to be towed."

Lecture on terrorism set for Minsker shul

TORONTO —

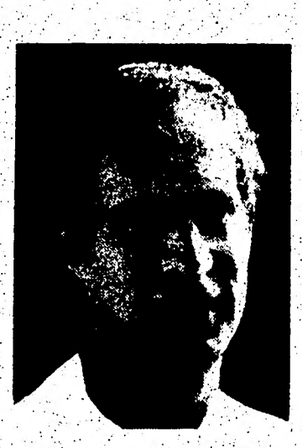
Israel's methods of prosecuting acts of terrorism and violence on the West Bank will be the subject of a lecture Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. at the Anshei Minsk Synagogue in downtown Toronto.

Capt. Gabriel Wiseman, a prosecuting attorney for the Israel Defence Forces, will offer a firsthand report.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Anshei Minsk is located at 10 St. Andrews St., just west of Spadina Ave. in the heart of Chinatown and Kensington Market.

For further information, call (416) 595-5723.



Capt. Gabriel Wiseman

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Organizations and People

Susan Weidman Schneider among speakers

Network to hold western conference in Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

The North American Jewish Students Network is holding its Western Canadian conference — Netwest '89 — at Winnipeg's International Inn Sept. 21-24, with the theme "We Are the Future — But Where Are We Going?"

Among the scheduled speakers thus far for the four-day event are opening speaker John Rothman, an American political and foreign policy consultant talking about Israel and relevant problems facing Jewish students and closing speaker Susan Weidman Schneider, author, editor of Lilith, a Jewish women's magazine, and former Winnipegger. Schneider's speech will be open to the community.

The annual conference will address a wide range of issues including anti-semitism, dealing with pro-Arab propaganda on campuses and Jewish identity.

Strengthening Jewish identity is one of the major goals of the conference, said Brent Labinsky, Network's Western co-chairman. "Within the Western Canadian Jewish community, there is an organizational void between high school and becoming established in society.

Susan Weidman Schneider

"The conference gives Jewish students and young adults across Western Canada an opportunity to get to know each other in a Jewish setting and explore their Jewish identities," he added.

In addition to providing information, the emphasis will be on having a good time. Students will have use of all facilities at the hotel, which has kosher catering. The social action will be highlighted by a Saturday Night New Year's Party (Rosh Hashanah is the next weekend).

Labinsky expects about 150 students to attend the conference.

Network regional chairpeople will also be coming in for a national meeting.

Solel, Beth Tzedec get grants to improve access for disabled

TORONTO — Mississauga's Solel Congregation and Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto were among this summer's recipients of access fund grants from the Ontario government's Office for Disabled Persons.

Solel Congregation received $2,263 to construct two ramps leading to its meeting hall, for better wheelchair accessibility, while Beth Tzedec Congregation was awarded $50,000 to install an elevator to make its facilities more accessible to the community.

Access grants are provided for renovations to improve access for wheelchairs, and to provide alert systems for hearing impaired persons and braille and other tactile features for visually impaired persons.

Remo Mancini, minister responsible for disabled persons, said that "these initiatives enhance the quality of life for Ontario's senior citizens and persons with disabilities."

Mavis Wilson, minister for senior citizens' affairs, added that the grants "will also reduce the barriers that separate and isolate them from the community."

The next deadline for applications is Oct. 1, 1989. Contact Tim Armstrong, at 1-800-387-4456 (toll-free) or (416) 324-3410 (TDD Voice).

Correction

In the July 27, 1989 issue, Dr. Robert Silver was described as co-developer of a new nasal spray insulin.

In fact, Silver was a research fellow, working under Dr. Jeffrey Flier, chief of the diabetes unit at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

The CJN regrets the error.

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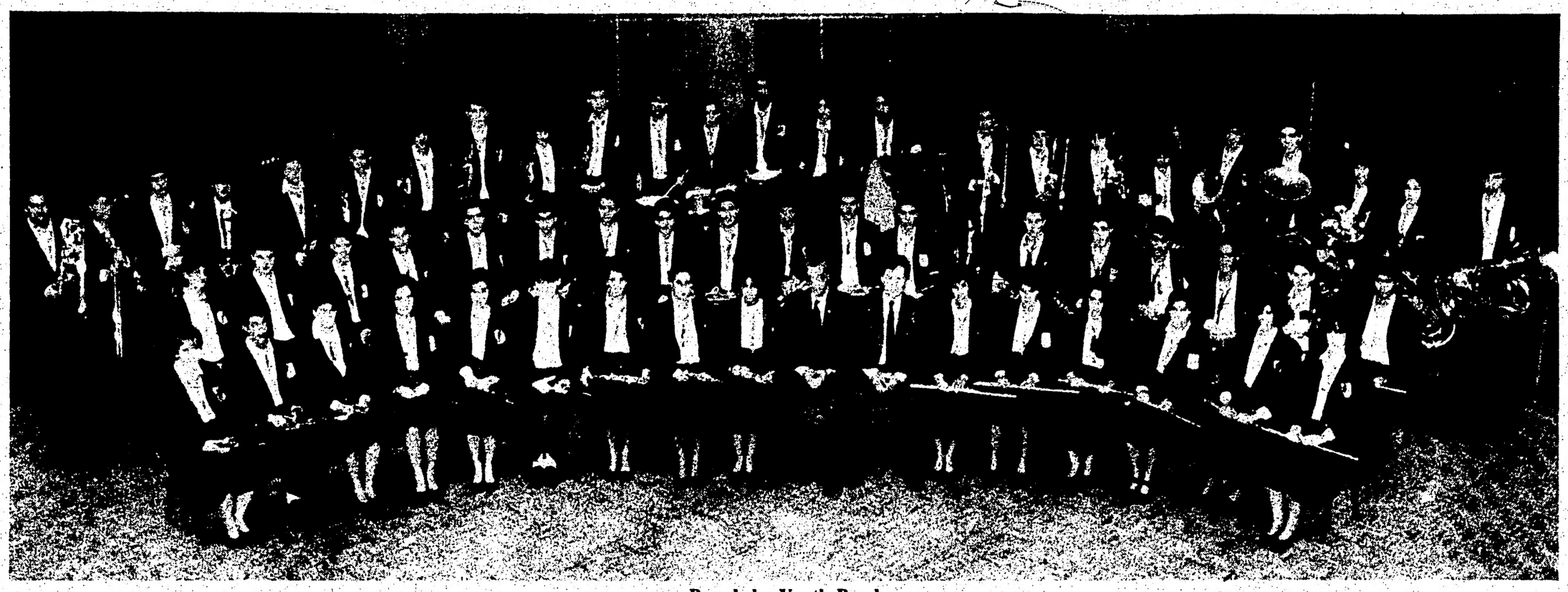

Beersheba Youth Band

For Burlington, Ontario:

Love affair with Israeli bands grows ever stronger

By
MOURA WOLPERT

BURLINGTON — The love affair between Burlington and Israel's youth bands goes on.

It began two years ago with a performance here by the prize winning Akko Youth Band.

It warmed when Burlington Teen Tour music director Don Allan visited Israel later that year and returned not only enthusiastic about the country, its high standard of music teaching and its youth bands, but with an invitation for the Burlington band to participate in Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations.

It continued, despite Burlington city council's refusal to let the band go to Israel, when the Akko band's young clarinet virtuoso, Mihal Bach, returned the following year to play with the Burlington band at Hamilton Place.

And it blossomed anew when the Beersheva Youth Band performed at a recent Music in the Park program at the Central Park band shell.

Under their Romanian-born conductor Nissim Alsheh, the band gave a spirited performance of pieces from their repertoire of marches, classical and Israeli music.

Clarinettists Menashe Idan and Mairon Conrad donned hats and payes for an especially appealing chassidic number. Other outstanding soloists were 16-year-old Iris Yablonka on xylophone, trumpeters Amit Montal, Shlomo Manheim and Erez Bendel, and 17-year-old saxophonist Yaiv Benbenisti, who has won a scholarship to the renowned music camp at Interlochen, Mich.

The appreciative audience disregarded threatening storm clouds and at the end of the concert there were expressions of friendship and exchange of gifts between civic dignitaries and band officials.

"Music is an international language," said Allan, who had conducted the band while visiting Beersheva.

Earlier, the two teen bands held a workshop and despite language difficulties, remarked Allan, "we could sit down and make music and have fun together."

There was applause when Allan, who is still determined to take his Teen Tour Band to Israel, declared, "sometimes I think that if we let musicians run the world, we would have peace all over!"

This was the first North American tour for the Beersheva band, which has won trophies and medals at a number of European festivals.

All of the band's 63 musicians, aged 13 to 18, are students of the municipally run Rubin Conservatory.

Opened 27 years ago with 180 pupils, the conservatory is now Israel's largest, with 820 students and six orchestras, said PR representative and band manager Irith Ovadia, who prepared the tour and was one of nine adults accompanying the 56 young musicians who took part.

It took two years to organize the tour, she said. Band members paid their own way and everywhere they were billeted with families or hosted by the local Jewish community.

Like the Akko Youth Band, the Beersheva band began its tour with an appearance at the Calgary Stampede where, Ovadia said, they were extremely well received. Then it was on to Seattle, Lake Louise, Banff, Los Angeles, New York and Cincinnati.

During their several days here they took time off to go sightseeing in Toronto and Niagara Falls and enjoy a reception hosted by Shaarei-Beth El congregation of Oakville.

From Burlington the band went to Montreal for its last appearance before returning to Israel.

Young Israel says cancel trips to Poland

NEW YORK — Travel agents everywhere should cancel tours and trips to Poland because the Polish government has refused to honor its pledge to move a Carmelite convent from Auschwitz, said a statement from Rubin Gruenbaum, president of the national council of Young Israel.

The council is an umbrella organization of more than 300 Orthodox synagogues.

Gruenbaum, a survivor of Auschwitz, said, "The refusal of Poland to implement an agreement between Jewish groups and Vatican representatives to move the Auschwitz convent, combined with the brutal attacks on Jewish protestors, who were viciously beaten by workers and dragged off the Convent grounds while police officers, nuns and townsfolk looked on, reminds us of the dark side of Polish-Jewish relations."

He noted that the Nazis placed the major death camps on Polish soil with "the knowledge of the long record of Polish anti-semitism."

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Organizations and People

Will deal with welfare reform, francophone affairs

Beer is facing many challenges in two portfolios

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of constitutional reform, linguistic and cultural rights, and helped prepare for the 1967 Confederation of Tomorrow Conference and federal-provincial constitutional review from 1968 to 1972. He was also involved in Ontario-Quebec relations in many aspects of Ontario's language policies.

Beer was also senior advisor on intergovernmental affairs in the Ontario Ministry of Treasury and Economics from 1972 to 1975 and as Ontario's director of citizenship from 1975 to 1977. He also served as former Liberal leader Stuart Smith's executive director from 1977 to 1981.

"I've been involved in politics most of my life," Beer said. "It is a way to do things and make changes."

The new minister will have the opportunity to do just that in his two new portfolios.

As minister responsible for francophone affairs, Beer said it will be important to explain the province's objectives in providing francophone services as there is "still a fair bit" of misunderstanding in regard to what the program's objectives are. These programs aim to offer French language services in areas populatd by French-speaking people.

"Some people may not want anything done for the francophone population here. They have the right to hold that view, but that is not our view as a government.

"Language will always be an issue," the minister stressed. "However the majority of Canadians here believe there has to be some basic level of minority language services in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba — the largest concentrations of French and English speaking minorities. What we have to do is encourage other provinces to be fair and equitable."

The challenges facing Beer as minister for community and social services will be no less important, as he prepares to deal with a "full plate" of issues, ranging from day care to welfare reform to community-based health care programs.

In the upcoming legislative session, Beer said he expects the latter two to dominate his agenda, with the changes recommended in the Social Action Review Committee report — subsequently included in the government's last throne speech and budget — to remain an ongoing concern.

The Social Assistance Review Committee was established in July, 1986 to undertake a public review of Ontario's social assistance system. The result was a 648-page report with 274 recommendations that called for a major shift in the philosophy of Ontario's social assistance system.

Beer said now that the government has committed itself to social assistance reform, his ministry will be spending a lot of time planning and implementing the report's first stage. In doing so they will be dealing with their federal counterparts as some of the changes involve financial matters regulated by the federal government.

Beer said his ministry will also be working with officials in the provincial ministry of health in confronting the growing need for more community-based health services.

"Ideally you would like to keep people in their own homes or home like settings," said Beer. "There are problems involved as you move towards that system and we haven't resolved all of them.

"However the direction is clear and we feel we have the support of the major community players involved," he added.

"It's just a matter of planning it carefully and making sure the community supports are there."

Beer said his ministry will also be looking at updating a number of pieces of legislation which will have to change as the government moves to "new systems." This includes combining the family benefits and general welfare assistance programs under new legislation.

New congregation geared to young grows in Thornhill

By
BRIAN HENRY

"We're a kind of Conservative Reform group," says Robert Warren, president of the recently formed Vaughan Hebrew Reform Congregation.

"A lot of our members come from a Conservative background," Warren explains. "I grew up at Beth David. A lot belonged to Beth Emeth, though others came from Montreal — and all over."

But, says Warren, they all belonged to those congregations with their parents. Once they left home and began building families of their own, they dropped their synagogue connections. "North of Steeles, there are a lot of young Jewish families who are unaffiliated," he remarks.

Now some of these families have come together and formed their own congregation, which Warren describes as belonging to "the right wing" of the Reform movement. "We'll be doing both days of Rosh Hashanah," he says by way of illustration.

"There were three families initially," Warren recalls. "We were talking one day about how unhappy we were (about the synagogues they were attending). You know — you kind of get lost in a big congregation."

Within a few weeks, says Warren, they were able to get 15 families together and the congregation held its first High Holiday services.

"It was really easy after that," says Warren, "because everyone was on a real high."

Now the congregation has 25 families and, with their current membership drive, Warren expects they'll have 35 to 40 families by the High Holidays.

"We're all about the same age — about 30, with kindergarten age kids," says Warren. He estimates that between them, the families in the congregation have 30 to 40 young children — counting ones not quite born yet.

Starting their own religious school, with a combined junior and senior kindergarten and grade one class, is a high priority for the congregation. So is increasing the number of Shabbat services they hold from one a month to two. They plan to do both after the High Holidays.

Looking to the future, Warren expects the congregation to continue to grow and become more established. Currently they hold services in the Dufferin-Clark Community Centre in Vaughan.

Welcomes visitors

Warren expects this to change. "We're hoping within five years to have a building," he says, "and within two years to have our own permanent rabbi."

Do they welcome visitors? "You bet," says Warren. "All are welcome to come to our services to see who we are and what we are. I guarantee they'll be hooked."

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Need to reach out to others

Support group forming for bereaved Jewish families

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Dr. Ed Pakes

TORONTO —

No one who hasn't been there can know the pain of losing a child, a grandchild, or a brother or sister.

At a time when you most need people, you can lose a lot of friends and relatives who don't know how to comfort and support a grieving family.

These comments were made by Kitty and Ralph Wintrob, whose 17-year-old son Phillip died in a car accident two years ago.

"We were very fortunate that we had wonderful friends and family who have stood beside us. But regardless of how much support you get from those around you, speaking to people who also are living through this unbelievable horror makes you realize that you are not crazy," Ralph says.

The Wintrobs, together with the Ogus, Binstock and Arfin families, who have also faced the tragedy of the loss of a child, have formed a self-help group for Jewish bereaved families.

On Sept. 5 at 7.30 p.m., at the Lipa Green Building (4th floor), all members of the Jewish community who have suffered such a loss, at any time, are invited to participate in the formation and planning of the Bereaved Jewish Families group.

"We hope that our organization will provide sustaining support for these family members," says Kitty. "We also plan to approach families who are faced with this crisis and we hope to develop a network of volunteers who will form a hotline link for emergencies."

She adds that the group will train lay leaders who will work along with the families and professionals in the formation and guidance of a number of groups including siblings and grandparents.

This organization is an outgrowth of a group that has been meeting at the Mount Sinai Hospital on a weekly basis with Jewish couples. As the group evolved, the participants recognized that there was a need to reach out and help each other.

Beverley Ogus, who lost a 19-year-old son several months ago, says, "I was very grateful that someone who had also suffered the loss of a child reached out to us early." She adds that Kitty Wintrob, who didn't know the Ogus family but heard of their loss, called them during the shiva period.

"She offered her support and told us about the Jewish bereavement group that was forming and invited us to attend. It was very comforting to speak to others who had lived through this terrible loss."

Spearheading the organization of the self-help group is psychiatrist Dr. Ed Pakes, who has been involved in the field of bereavement for more than 20 years.

In 1969, Dr. Pakes began counselling families with children who had cancer at the Hospital for Sick Children and Princess Margaret hospitals. He is the director of the Family and Individual Bereavement Consultation Clinic at the Mount Sinai Hospital, the only clinic of its kind in Canada, and he helped organize Bereaved Families of Ontario.

"My goal is preventative intervention," he told The CJN. "The earlier you intervene, the better the chances of preventing people from becoming psychiatric patients."

Speaking of the sense of aloneness that people experience after the loss of a child, he said, "People tend to avoid those who have lost children because they don't want to face the idea of that kind of horrible thing happening to them. So when they see you in the supermarket, they turn away."

He believes that the bereaved families can teach others how to talk to them. "They tell me that they don't want others to stop talking to them or turn away. And the worst thing you can tell a person is, 'You'll get over it.' "

In organizing the Jewish bereavement group, Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg of the chaplaincy service, Judy Schenkman, a psychiatric nurse and psycho-therapist in the bereavement clinic of the Mount Sinai Hospital, and Beth Feffer, a social worker at Jewish Family and Child Services, are working with the group in coordinating and developing the program. The families will continue the program with the professionals as advisers.

Feffer, who lost a 2½-year-old son to cancer, says that the new Jewish bereavement group will reach out to people who can benefit from the support, even if the tragedy occurred some time ago.

She notes that there are other bereavement groups, but the Jewish group has been formed because these families need a Jewish component "based on Jewish values, Jewish practices and Jewish attitudes."

She believes that this contact is vital at this vulnerable time and that people can help themselves by helping others.

"But one of the most helpful things to know is that you are not alone — that there are others who are going through the same thing."

The Bereaved Jewish Families group will meet at the Jewish Community Centre on a weekly basis.

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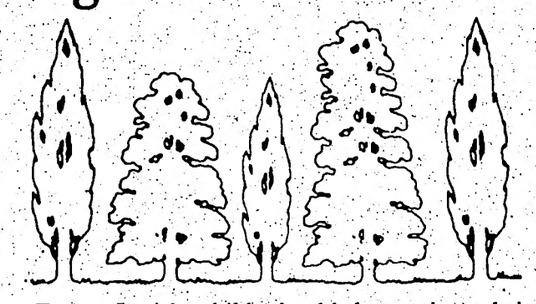
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Organizations and People

Family has a history in city's fur industry

Sidney A. Freifeld, a former reporter for The Toronto Star, now a resident of Ottawa, writes about the history of the fur business in Toronto and his family's involvement in it. Instead of going into the fur business, Freifeld entered the Canadian diplomatic service, from which he retired in 1975. His final posting was as Canadian ambassador to Colombia and Ecuador.

I found Belinda Silberman's article (CJN June 29), on Jews in the early fur industry in Toronto very interesting. I was surprised, however, to find no mention of my father, whose fur business antedated everyone mentioned by Silberman, and no mention of relatives on my mother's side — Schipper — whose fur factories were part of the warp and woof of the fur industry in Toronto during the first half of this century.

My father, Louis Freifeld, with my mother, nee Jessie Schipper, came out of Galicia shortly after the turn of the century, lived briefly in Vienna and London and settled in Toronto around 1905; I was born on Grovesnor St. in 1910. In those early years, my father headed the T. Eaton Company's wholesale manufacturing fur department. He then, with Joseph Schwartz as a partner, formed his own manufacturing company. An early associate of the firm was my cousin Harry Freifeld, whose name will be familiar, along with my father's, to furrier old-timers from Spadina Ave., Richmond St. W. and environs.

As so many of the early Jewish settlers did, my father helped to bring out, and to employ, relatives from the "old country." These were mostly on my mother's side — Frank, Joe and Nathan Schipper, my mother's brothers who subsequently had fur businesses of their own. They in turn helped bring out and employ nephews Irving, Morris and Frank (Jr.) Schipper.

There was the Freifeld Fur Company in the war and early post-World War I years. Then after my father's death in 1922, there was the Schipper-Freifeld Fur Co. — for many years on the fourth floor of the Gelber Brothers Building on Richmond St. W. — and then another offshoot, Schipper Brothers, on Avenue Rd.

At the end of World War I my father made an unprecedented trip to the Far East to buy skins; I still have one of his trunks, with steamship and hotel labels from Vladivostock, Harbin and Tientsin (now Tianjin). Unfortunately, by the time my father returned from the Far East, skin prices dropped precipitously and he lost everything but his shirt. However what became Schipper-Freifeld Fur Co., wholesale manufacturers, prospered reasonably for many years.

The young "greenhorns," Irving, Morris and Frank Schipper Jr. had the foresight in the 30s to buy property at Avenue Rd. and Davenport, did their own manufacturing, which they learned at Schipper-Freifeld, and opened a retail store which rapidly began to attract the carriage trade driving from Forest Hill Village and Rosedale down Avenue Rd.

Of this whole furrier menage, only Frank Schipper (senior)'s son Sidney, my frist cousin, and Frank Schipper Jr. are alive today, in their 70s and 80s respectively.

No account of the fur business of early Toronto would be complete without mention of Brodey-Draimin, which had a prestigious retail store for many decades on the west side of Yonge St. south of Dundas. The Brodeys and the Draimins were a far cry from the Galicianers of Spadina and Richmond; they were from the "right" side of the tracks — German Jews.

Bertha Draimin was the first Jewish woman to graduate from the University of Toronto, in 1909, I think. Her son Ted was my friend and classmate at the U. of T. When we graduated in the depth of the depression, in 1932, we went to the London School of Economics to do post-graduate work; but we would be less than honest if we didn't admit that we went to England not so much in pursuit of the higher learning as to avoid going into the fur business of early Toronto — to which we both owed so much.

New system may raise taxes

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Market value assessment would be a "catastrophe" for Forest Hill (Ward 15) resulting in an average tax increase of $557 a year (19.3%) for nearly three quarters of single and 2-family homes in the ward.

This is the warning issued by executive councillor Kay Gardner (Ward 15) who says she has already received 1,100 petitioners against market value assessment in response to a flyer she sent out to residents.

If MVA is implemented, she said, taxes on 23% of single family homes in Ward 15 could decrease.

Gardner says there is a danger that the new Metro Toronto council will reverse a decision of the former council to drop the plan. She said the new Metro council may vote on the proposal as early as Sept. 13.

She is urging residents to attend a public meeting of the Metro Task Force on Assessment Reform in the Council Chamber, Toronto City Hall at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31. Gardner will present the petitions against the plan at that meeting.

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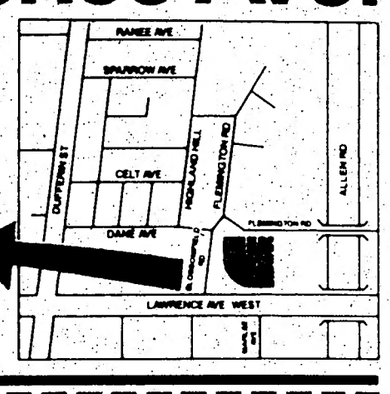

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Organizations and People

Rabbi Hecht marks one year at shul

Shaarei Zion to pay tribute to spiritual leader

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Benjamin Hecht couldn't make up his mind about whether to be a lawyer or a businessman. At Osgoode Hall, he graduated with both a law degree and an MBA from the University of Toronto.

So he became a rabbi.

"It was difficult for me to split up my life," Hecht says. "My religious being permeated me. I had to do it full time."

It was fortunate, at least for the Shaarei Zion Congregation, that he did. On Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Inn on the Park hotel, the synagogue's 30 or so member families will gather to wish Rabbi Hecht a mazel tov on his first anniversary as the small shul's spiritual leader.

Rabbi Moshe Hochman, a teacher at Thornhill's Ner Israel Yeshiva and Rabbi Hecht's personal mentor, will deliver a Dvar Torah, while Rabbi Phyvle Rosensweig, Rabbi Hecht's father-in-law, will come in from Kitchener to bring greetings.

Special guest speaker at the luncheon will be CJN editor Patricia Rucker.

The Shaarei Zion, situated within the Associated Hebrew Day School branch at 6100 Leslie St. at Steeles in Willowdale, is one of Toronto's better kept secrets.

An Orthodox shul, it has a wide range of social activities, Shabbat services, a junior congregation and can draw up to 300 people for Yom Kippur services, Hecht says.

As well, the synagogue sponsors a unique religious outreach program Hecht began seven years ago in Toronto, and which he developed in New York. Called Nishma, the organization fosters open dialogue on a wide spectrum of issues in a halachic framework.

Men and women, from observant to non-observant and spanning the philosophical spectrum, attend the monthly sessions. In small, informal groups, they take part in open, intellectual discussions with their rabbi. They are encouraged to be honest, questioning and, ultimately, to think things through for themselves.

Nishma has branches in Milwaukee and New York. Shaarei Zion is the only shul in Toronto to have it.

Within his pulpit, Hecht, 35, eschews reading aloud from the Torah or giving Bar Mitzvah lessons. "I believe in thought and questioning," he says. About his own religious inclination, Hecht smiles and quotes his wife: "I guess I'm a black-hatter without the black hat."

All not too bad for a part-time rabbi.

With his duties at the shul and his full-time job as a teacher of rabbinics at CHAT, Hecht leads an understandably busy life. "It's impossible to be a part-time rabbi," he sighs. "But I wouldn't trade it in."

A native of Ottawa, Hecht came to Toronto to attend high school at Ner Israel. He received smicha in 1980 from Beit Shmuel Yeshiva in Jerusalem, then returned to Toronto to complete his law and business studies.

He then went on to assume an education directorship at a shul in Denver and then a pulpit in Kingston, N.Y. before hitting New York City as an assistant rabbi at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale.

When both CHAT and Shaarei Zion beckoned last year, Hecht returned to Canada. He hasn't looked back.

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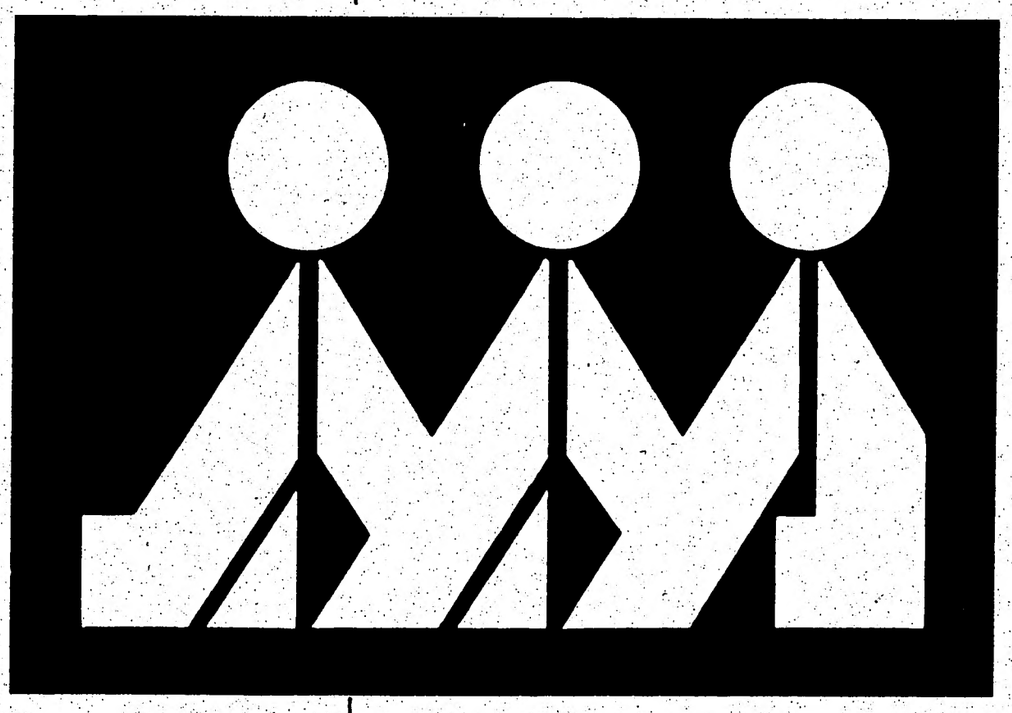

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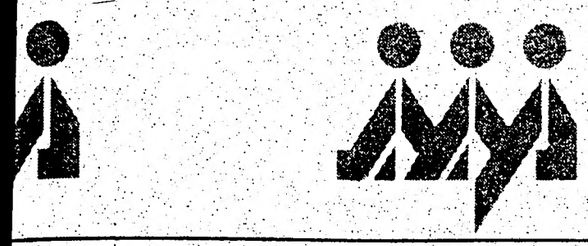

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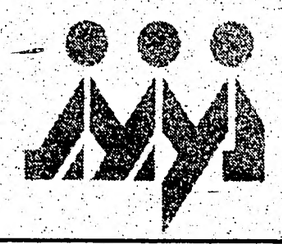

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Help instill a Jewish way of life

Researcher sees communities as extended family

NEW YORK —

"As the structure and function of today's families change, the Jewish community can become the much-needed extended family.

"By reaching out to families while they are in their formative stages the Jewish community can provide Jewish educational, child-care services and thus help instill a Jewish way of life just as a family is beginning to function as a unit," says Dr. Ruth Pinkenson Feldman, early-childhood consultant for the Central Agency of Jewish Education in Philadelphia and president of Resources for Parents at Work, a consulting firm dealing with work and family issues.

Her research and suggestions are found in a just-published booklet sponsored by the Jewish Communal Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, titled "Child Care in Jewish Family Policy." The publication is the first in a series of papers the AJC will distribute designed to address the concerns of successfully balancing family and work responsibilities within the Jewish community.

Feldman states that it is vital for the Jewish community to embrace a strategy of dealing with the needs and conflicts of today's Jewish families by providing a wide range of services to support the family. She adds that these families will in turn become sources of strength for the Jewish community, as research has shown that when young children are enrolled in Jewish-sponsored programs, the level of the parent's Jewish identity increases.

Dr. Steven Bayme, director of the American Jewish Committee's Jewish Affairs Dept., concurs with Feldman's analysis and adds that "the problem of quality child care is more complex than the question of availability alone. Affordability is one issue, particularly in terms of single parents whose earnings are frequently exhausted by the high cost of child care. More generally, debate continues as to whether nonparental care of children under the age of three is truly conducive to their emotional and psychological development. Conversely, most experts agree that early-learning programs for children over the age of three benefit the child's development as well as facilitate the working arrangements of parents."

There is a need, says Feldman, to ensure excellence and diversity in educational opportunities for all children, regardless of their parents' socio-economic status or work patterns. Programs that provide options — from full-time care to part-time care — as well as the development of "family centres" that accommodate the needs of both children and parents and provisions for in-home care need to be more fully developed.

Among her policy recommendations are increased training and placement of nannies within Jewish homes with a communal support network; the development of national and local referral networks to help families find appropriate Jewish child care services upon relocation; creation of federation task forces to determine how accessible existing programs are to single-parent and lower income families; encouragement for day schools to institute before- and after-school "care hours" as well as early-childhood/child care programs; consideration of cooperative arrangements for transportation to care centres; greater efforts by the board of rabbis or chaplain services to reach out to unaffiliated or marginally affiliated families once they become involved with child care under Jewish auspices; and connection of Jewish child care programs to other Jewish "agencies" such as synagogues, schools and senior centres to give a broader sense of affiliation with the larger community.

Feldman stresses that the Jewish community has an unprecedented opportunity to actualize its commitment to family values by providing family-benefit plans to its employees, such as flexible work hours, job sharing, and extended leave to care for ailing family members.

Feldman also urges "the establishment of a national child care policy that would benefit all of America's children and enable parents to balance economic and familial responsibilities."

She suggests that the Jewish community become actively involved in joining national lobbying efforts in Washington in favor of passing child care legislation, family benefits programs and tax benefits; join forces at national, state and local levels to promote specific policy recommendations for educational guidelines for early childhood programs and practices; encourage changes in local laws to establish programs most beneficial to children and to healthy nurturing families; and encourage prominent Jewish individuals to become active in promoting benefit plans that include parental leave and related family benefits.

Scholastic works to be published

By PHIL FINE

THORNHILL, ONT. —

The out-of-print works of a Canadian rabbinical scholar are getting a new lease on life thanks to a resident of this Toronto bedroom community.

Baruch Rosenberg, a social worker at Baycrest Hospital, is setting up a non-profit charitable foundation to republish the works of his great-great-grandfather, Rabbi Yehuda (Yudel) Rosenberg, former rabbi of Toronto's Polish community and one of the founders of the city's Eitz Chaim School.

The rabbi, who died in 1935, is best known for a Hebrew translation of the Zohar. But he also wrote numerous booklets on such topics as the Mikvah and Shabbos observance as well as a Yiddish translation of and commentary on Maimonides' Hilchos Deos.

As well as Toronto, Rosenberg also served in Montreal, ultimately becoming that city's chief Orthodox rabbi. As such, he helped centralize kashruth supervision. He also served as head of the rabbinical court.

Besides previously published works, the foundation will print unpublished manuscripts. It will also sponsor lectures on the rabbi and maintain a library of his works.

Rosenberg says he's already received calls about the foundation (expected to be given charitable status from Revenue Canada) from Canada, the United States and even Israel.

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The Narayever Shul, an historical building, is located at 187 Brunswick Ave. (2 blocks south of Bloor). For information, contact **Justin Lewis** at 538-4060.

Sunday, Aug. 27

WHEN IS NON-VIOLENCE A SIN?

On Sunday, Aug. 27, the Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue presents **Rabbi Moshe Stern** speaking on When is Non-Violence a Sin? And is Moral Cowardice Hidden Behind Pious Platitudes?

The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim's Sisterhood Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone, all ages, male and female, is invited. There will also be coffee, cake and conversation. The charge is $2 (free for members of Shaarei Shomayim and Shaarei Tefillah).

Coordinators are **Sandra and Jerry Genesove**.

MUSICAL BRUNCH

A men's Sunday brunch will be held at Baycrest Centre, Abe Posluns Auditorium, 3560 Bathurst St., on Aug. 27, at 11.30 a.m. with entertainment by concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns**.

The program will feature traditional Yiddish, Hebrew and contemporary music.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

CARD NIGHT

Club Rachel, Na'amat Canada, is holding a card night on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7.30 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Tickets are $2. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your own cards. Proceeds will go to children's homes in Israel.

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Anshei Minsk Congregation invites the Jewish community to its High Holiday services. The services are instructive, warm and friendly, the synagogue beautifully ornate. Anshei Minsk is located at 10 St. Andrews St., the heart of Kensington market and Chinatown.

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TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir commences its 64th season under the direction of **Voltr Ivonoffski** on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7.30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. (5 blocks north of Lawrence, ½ block east of Bathurst). New singers, men and women, are invited. Ability to read music is an asset but not mandatory.

The choir is a performing group specializing in a Yiddish repertoire, both traditional and contemporary. Works by Canadian composers are regularly presented. This season a commissioned work by **Milton Barnes**, based on poems by Canadian poet **Miriam Waddington**, will be featured.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesday evenings. For more information, call **Toby** at 633-8184 or **Rae** at 635-5275.

MEN'S 5-PIN BOWLING LEAGUE

The Judean Benevolent Society invites all men 5-pin bowlers to join its Sunday morning social league. All ages are welcome, whether you are young of age or young at heart. The cost is minimal.

The season begins Sunday, Sept. 10, at 10.30 a.m. at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave. Why not join the league, make new friends or possibly find your old ones? Draws and social events are included.

For further information, contact **Dr. Allan Ettenson** at 255-2200.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service announces that several groups will be starting in September. So begin the season feeling positive and register now for these 6-week workshops —

Looking Ahead — A support group with an educational focus, for men and women who are recently separated or divorced. Discussion topics will include resolving the past, finding one's own identity, starting a new social life, adjusting to changed financial circumstances, and other issues of mutual concern to the group. The workshop runs on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 5.

Understanding Today's Child — This group will discuss parenting skills for the young child. Topics will deal with discipline, routines, family roles and building self-esteem. How to feel successful as a parent is the overall theme. The group will meet on Mondays, beginning Sept. 18.

Taking Care of Aging Parents — This workshop provides a forum to discuss frustrations relating to the care of an aging parent, the normal aging process, divided loyalties, the "sandwich generation" and other issues of mutual concern. It is scheduled for Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 13.

All sessions are held from 7.30-9 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor. The fee is $40 per person. Scholarships are available. For further information, call **Freda** at 638-7800, ext. 211.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FOR SINGLES

A Labor Day weekend for singles at Maple Lake Resort is set for Sept. 1-4. The package includes accommodation, kosher meals (three a day plus evening refreshments), use of all facilities, swimming, boating, windsurfing, land sports, evening programs such as singalongs and dancing, video movies and much more.

Register now! Space is limited. For further information, contact the Jewish Camp Council at 630-1180.

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Chaplain Bill Leach of the Toronto General Hospital is looking for mature, healthy, friendly and spiritually motivated adults to train for a year as pastoral visitors. Members will visit two to five patients a week, on an ecumenical basis, and attend a teaching/supervisory session once a week.

The new group will begin in October. An orientation and enrolment presentation will be offered on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. Call 340-4055 for details.

LEGENDS AND ILLUSIONS

On Saturday, Sept. 16, fashion meets entertainment when the City of North York presents Legends and Illusions — The Magic of Fashion Gala.

The black-tie fund raiser takes place at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch Ave. E., beginning with a champagne reception at 7 p.m. followed by the performance at 9. Dessert, coffee and live musical entertainment round out the evening.

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CRITICS CHOICE

Starting this September,, **Prof. Elaine Newton** will lecture at three new literature series called Critics Choice. Current novels to be reviewed include Cat's Eye by **Margaret Atwood** and **John Irving's** recent literary success A Prayer for Owen Meany.

These monthly book reviews will take place at Forest Hill Library on Thursday mornings and Monday evenings. For the convenience of residents in north Toronto, one series will be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue on Tuesday evenings.

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Lessons will take place at the Zionist Federation offices, 3910 Bathurst St., Suite 203. The time is 5.30 p.m. for beginners, 7 p.m. for intermediates and 8.30 p.m. for advanced.

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There are many lonely and isolated seniors in our community whose lives would be greatly enriched by the conversation and companionship a volunteer visitor could provide. All it takes is a walk in the park, sharing a story, a joke or a smile.

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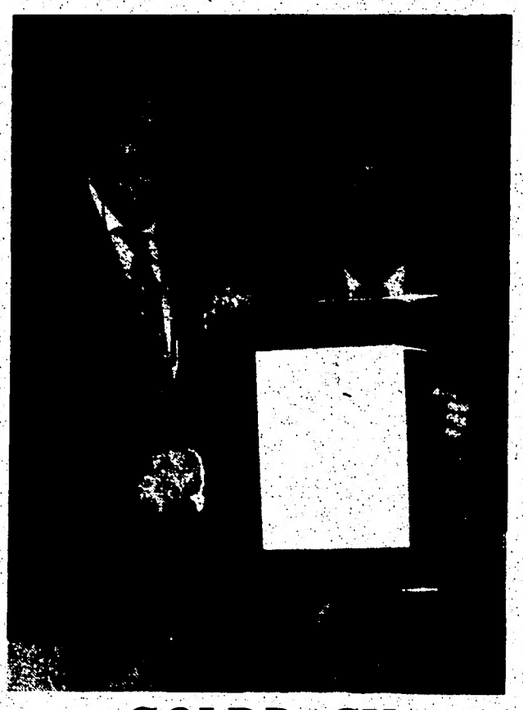
DANCE-A-THON

Lishar Production, party specialists, are presenting a first of its kind, Kids Helping Kids Dance-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy, at the Surf Club, Bathurst and Steeles. The event will run in conjunction with the hours of the Jerry Lewis Telethon, from Sunday, Sept. 3 at 9 p.m. to Monday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. Lishar Productions partners Harley Godfrey and Lisa Levy (above) invite everyone to come down and join the fun. There will be lots of door prizes to be won and of course, lots of dancing! For further information, call them at 783-6261 or the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 488-2699.



GOLDBACH HONORED

Jack Goldbach (right), president of the LZA Seniors Club, was honored recently at a special brunch sponsored by the Amal Technological Schools for his years of service to the club, Israel and Amal Schools. Seen presenting the plaque is guest speaker Eliezer Rafaeli, North American representative for Histadrut and the Israel Labor Party. The plaque now hangs in the Borochov Centre but will eventually be transferred to the memorial building in Yehud for the fallen members of the IDF signal and electronics corps.

BONDS KICK-OFF

Prior to the recent board of governors meeting at Beth Tzedec Congregation, executives prepare for the kick-off State of Israel Bonds High Holidays campaign. From left are: Philip Fellen, president; Leonard Eisen, chairman of the board, and Marilyn Light, Bonds chairman.

Organizations and People

What's New

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– If you would like to provide friendship to a senior and have at least one hour available per week, consider becoming a volunteer visitor. Start the season by making the difference! Contact **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care/Community Service to Jewish Elderly at 635-2860.

WEDDING EXHIBIT

The Kanner Heritage Museum of Baycrest Centre is presenting a unique exhibit of wedding photographs and memorabilia until the end of September.

The exhibit features hand-painted ketubahs (wedding contracts), antique wedding gowns, a child's dress and a selection of Middle East antique bridal jewelry.

Late 19th and early 20th century wedding portraits of family members of Baycrest residents, patients, members, staff and volunteers are on loan for the exhibit. Judaic pieces such as a prayer book and wedding dress have also been provided on loan by Beth Tzedec Synagogue's museum.

The Kanner Heritage Museum acquires, maintains and displays a quality collection of Judaica for the enjoyment of patients, residents, members and visitors.

at the jcc

The JCC Valley Singles Network is holding a barbecue at a member's home on Sunday, Aug. 27. The cost is $10 and payment and reservations must be in by Aug. 24. For information and reservations, call **Luni** at 889-0813...A Heat Wave Dance and Tennis is arranged for Monday, Sept. 4, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Tennis is from 7-9 p.m. and the dance begins at 8.30. Admission is $7. Call Luni for information at the above number.

for seniors

If you are 55 and over and in need of a hobby, there are few hobbies more pleasant and satisfying than singing. So why not join a performing choir? **The JCC Singers** welcome new voices. To read music is not a prerequisite. The choir meets every Thursday from 9.30-11 a.m. in Room 221 of the Jewish Community Centre north branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Join and share the fun of being on stage. To book the choir and for further information, call the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is showing the movie, The House on Garibaldi Street, on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m...Sunday, Sept. 10, is the date of the upcoming bazaar. It will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the club house...Ongoing programs include shuffleboard, Tai Chi, bridge, ballroom and line dancing, art class, bingo, fitness, rummycube, Saturday night dances, Monday morning walk in the park. The game room is open for ping pong and other activities. For information about all programs, call 636-7856.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, for women 55 and over, meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the centre's library, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is set for Aug. 27. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program, for men 55 and over, meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting takes place Aug. 27. The group coordinator is **Alan Steinberg**. For further information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that the orientation meeting for the Israeli trip has been rescheduled for Thursday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations will go to the Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526...Details of upcoming programs will be presented in the near future. For information about all activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The program planned for Aug. 30 is a social and bingo. For information, call **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630 or **Abner Meir** at 667-0808 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273.

Club Chaverim of the JCC North-East Valley branch meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, bingo and socializing at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

LZA Seniors Club says that it is never too early to prepare for winter. Registration for the winter stay in Miami is now almost over, with only 12 places left. The group will leave on Jan. 3 for 7 or 9 weeks and on Jan. 17 for 5 or 7 weeks. Registration is being taken every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., until the trip is full. For details, phone **Libby Rivka** at 782-2059 or **Belle Naiman** at 633-5841...The experiments with afternoon bingo have been successful and will start shortly on a regular basis. Members will be notified as to dates...A shuffleboard tournament is planned, beginning in September...A Bible study series has been inaugurated by **Jay Lipsey**. This group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Borochov Centre with refreshments...The Stratford trip to see Kiss Me Kate is sold out.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — Thursday, Aug. 24, is the date of the twilight concert featuring the Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre in a British-Yiddish parody of Gilbert and Sullivan entitled Rocking Over the Ocean. It is directed by **Nathan Garnick** with assistant director **Gloria Valentine**, accompanist **Nathan Rosen** and choreography by **Kiss** and **Cass**. The time is 6.30-8.30 p.m. on the Wagman Centre grounds...The movie, That's Entertainment, Part II, will be shown on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...Singer/musician **Phyllis Angel** will perform on Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room...A reminder that Seniors Day at the Races is set for Thursday, Sept. 7, from 12.30-5.30 p.m. at Woodbine Raceway. The charge is $5 members, $7 non-members. Register with payment at the Wagman Centre office as soon as possible. For information, contact **Todd Sweet** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Hear **Rita Kohli** of the North York Women's Shelter on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 1.30 p.m. Her talk is sponsored by the Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly. There is no charge. For further information, call **Sheila Zane** at 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) seminar on Thursday, Aug. 31, will focus on Recent Decisions of the Supreme Court: How They Affect You with **Prof. Alan Bruder** of the University of Toronto. The time is 1.30 p.m.

The evening concert on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. features the Chai Dancers. Admission is $1.50 members, $2 non-members. Tickets are available at the information desk. Purchase your tickets early — this is a very popular event.

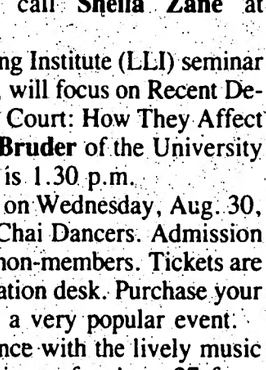
The next Sunday dance with the lively music of the Creative Band is set for Aug. 27 from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The charge is $2.50 members, $3 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Aug. 30 presents **Cantor Albert Feldman**. After the 1.30 p.m. entertainment, refreshments will be served. The charge is $1.50 members, $2 non-members.

About People

NCJW SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada Irene Samuel Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Phyllis Moss** of Toronto, has announced its choice for 1989. She is **Barbara Fine** of Winnipeg.



Barbara Fine

Irene Samuel Scholarships are awarded to those who have completed their first year at an accredited university and should be eligible at graduation to receive teacher certification in the field of Hebrew/Judaic studies. The recipients must be committed to seek employment in the Judaic department of a recognized Hebrew/Jewish school in Canada for a 2-year minimum at the completion of training.

Fine has lived in Ireland, England, Newfoundland and Manitoba. She is a baalat teshuvah (returnee to tradition) of 10 years and has spent the last eight years devoting herself to Jewish life and learning. Presently she is in the bachelor of education program at the University of Manitoba and upon graduation in 1990 wishes to become a teacher in both secular and Jewish studies involving art wherever possible.

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VISIT TO BAYCREST

Three-year-old Joshua Satok charms residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged during his weekly visit to Baycrest Centre with his mother Patti. The mother-and-son team began volunteering five months ago. A typical visit involves joining in the fitness programs before going to see residents in the Home. Above, Joshua and Patti delight Fanny Gertzbein, a 99-year-old resident of the Home, with one of their regular visits.

ENTERTAINING SENIORS

A group of 24 Israeli students, ages 9 to 18, entertained residents of Pine Villa, a senior citizens building, by singing and playing the piano recently. The students all live in Ramat Hasharon, a suburb of Tel Aviv, and spent two weeks in Canada studying at a piano workshop in Kingston, Ont. Seen above (from left) are: Alderman Ben Nobleman of the City of York; Hortense Geldzaler, 92, a resident of Pine Villa; 15-year-old blind Israeli pianist Cadia Hagag, one of the visiting students, and David Hildebrand, 92, also a resident of Pine Villa, which is in Alderman Nobleman's ward.

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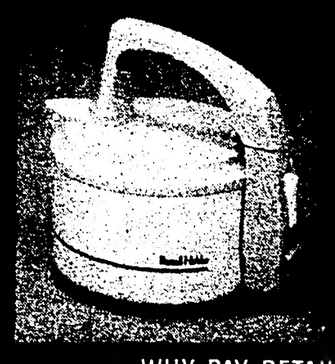

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Organizations and People

Hebrew U develops probe for DNA identification

JERUSALEM — The first laboratory of its type in Israel for positive identification of people, animals or plants on the basis of examination of their DNA patterns is now in operation at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot.

DNA is the substance found in the nucleii of living cells that is responsible for the transmission of hereditary characteristics and for the building of proteins. No two living things or beings have the same DNA fingerprints.

The identification method, called DNA fingerprinting, was developed in England and for the past few years also has been used in other parts of Europe and the United States. The Israeli researchers, however, have been able to improve on the existing method through the development of a new DNA probe with characteristics superior to that of probes currently in use in plants and animals.

A group of geneticists from the Laboratory of Animal Breeding and Genetics at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture, has been involved for the past four years in DNA fingerprinting work. Within the framework of a doctoral research project carried out by Alon Haberfeld, supervised by Dr. Joseph Hillel, the head of the DNA fingerprinting laboratory at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture, and with the assistance of researcher Ola Joffe, the staff was successful in developing the new probe.

The method is based on analysis of the DNA material in blood or tissue samples through the use of a DNA probe. The one now in use for this type of analysis is produced commercially, but its use is relatively expensive and the DNA fingerprint preparation can be carried out only in laboratories in England and the United States.

Hillel said that the uses for such a probe are many, mainly in the breeding of cattle, fowl, sheep and plants. It also can be used in determining with certainty paternity in humans and animals, for solving crimes involving rape and murder, for identification of bodies, and for diagnosis of hereditary diseases in animal and man.

The Hebrew University researchers are now in the process of developing methodology for using the probe for animal and plant breeding.

NEW ORT SCHOOL OPENED

Three past national presidents of Women's Canadian ORT (from left) Harriet Morton, Ruth Druxerman and Dorothy Shoichet, recently attended the opening ceremonies of ORT's 108th school in Israel, the prestigious Braude International Institute of Technology in Karmiel, bringing ORT's high-tech education techniques to the Northern Galilee.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Aaron Schimmer (right) of the University of Toronto is among 57 students from 10 countries taking part in this summer's Karyn Kupcinet International Science School at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. These students, enrolled at institutions of higher learning in Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the U.S. and Israel, join institute research teams to work on problems of special interest to them. In the photograph, Schimmer is shown with his advisor, Prof. Yoram Salomon, head of the department of hormone research.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles Presents "When Harry Meets Sally" the party, at **Gotham City**, 81 Bloor St. East (east of Yonge St.) Sunday, **September 3rd**, 8p.m. Door prize: $50 pass for The Festival of Festivals. $8.00. **222-7111**.

L.A. invites you to Gotham City, 81 Bloor St. East, Thursday, August 31. Tickets $8.00. Special draw for a bottle of champagne. Ari Huber 223-8145. Lew Pliamm 223-2225.

Total Living Mature Singles invites you to dance to the music of D.J. Don delGreco, Saturday, August 26, 8-11:30p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments, prizes, members $5, non-members $6.

JCC Singles Network is having a heatwave dance and tennis on Monday, September 4th. Tennis from 7:30-9p.m., dance at 8:30p.m. D.J., refreshments, cash bar. 7015 Leslie Street, Thornhill. For information call Luni at 889-0813.

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Fashion

Lifestyle book geared to mature women

Self-esteem crucial to well-being: Mira Linder

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Mira Linder offers advice on being beautiful.

Mira Linder settled herself into the chair with what appeared to be a satisfied smile on her face. One heavily jewelled hand pushed back the soft lock of gray hair that had fallen forward while she stressed her last point.

She calls them AGOS — the active generation over 60. She also refers to them as the invisible or forgotten generation. Indeed, Linder's belief of this fact is so strong that she has written a lifestyle book called Beauty Begins at Sixty — the best is yet to come.

"I feel that this generation has been ignored and insulted. However, there are so many of us now that society cannot ignore us now and that's why this book is so important."

"We are looking at an active generation not an old one and this book tells everyone how to go about becoming active and beautiful again. It encourages people to get up and go for it — whatever the it may be. We have the time and the experience to enjoy life."

Linder said that beauty is the one thing that women have strived for since time immemorial and this fact is proven by the way in which we surround ourselves with beautiful things — homes, flowers, clothes and people. Although the author admits that beauty is not everything, it is one of the doors to happiness.

"Beauty is an inexhaustable source of joy if you can find it. In essence, if you can look in the mirror and be happy with yourself, you will act better and feel better. This will also show in the way in which you interact with others — actions speak louder than words.

"However, don't ever stop thinking that there is no room for improvement. Life is about progress, and for that there is always room."

She drew a comparison between beauty and money. Some people know how to save their money and spend it wisely while other simply take advantage of it until the supply runs out.

So, too, with beauty. With money comes power, and again, this is also true of beauty. Linder said that in both instances some people abuse this power to mistreat others not as fortunate as themselves.

While beautiful women have more obstacles to fight than others who are not so beautiful — fighting the snobbery image — it can also open door to great success.

So what stops people from attaining their true beauty?

"Negative thinking and laziness. 'Try it, you'll like it,' someone said. You have to experience, research and find out what works for you because everyone knows that the same thing won't work for everyone. If you don't try, you'll never know.

"Talking won't help, doing will. Although not everyone can afford the money or the time to visit a spa, they can take the time to learn about the needs of the skin and the body, and how it can be done on their own. After all, once in a while is better than never.

"Although the title is Beauty Begins at Sixty, it really reaches many groups and has information for everyone. It's a book for the future."

Linder, who's true age is not known, was born into a privileged background in Poland, but World War II overnight reversed the family's fortunes, cartwheeling her into the hard life of a refugee in a labor camp in Siberia.

She met her first husband in Russia, and, after the war, they moved back to Poland. Eventually they moved to the United States. where she launched the family beauty business, following a tradition established by her mother, a longtime practitioner and advocate of the health-conscious European approach to shin care and maintenance.

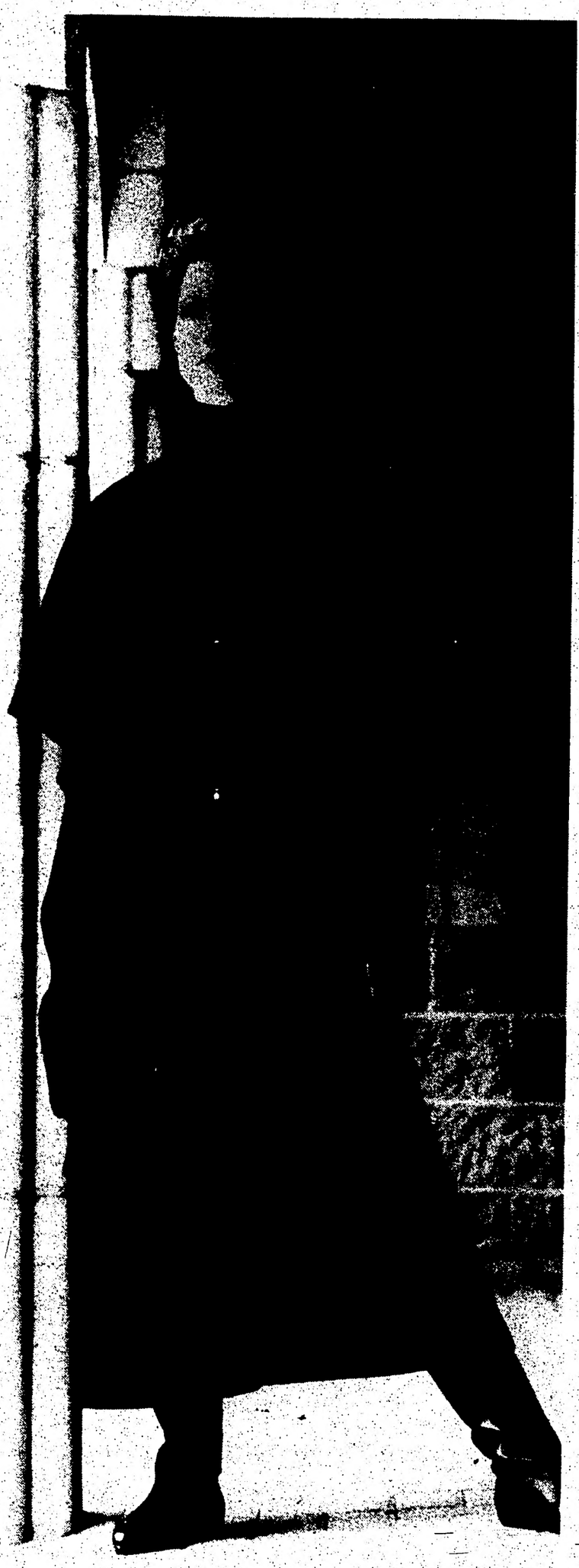
Linder was in her 40s when she went back to school in New York and Paris to re-learn and polish her beauty-care skills. Shortly thereafter, she opened the first Mira Linder salon in Detroit, soon followed by two more in Toronto and Palm Beach in tandem with her daughter, Lily, and son-in-law.

Widowed after 34 years of marriage, Linder remarried Dr. Arthur Victor, a dentist, and they live in Palm Beach and Detroit.

In her book, which is available at various bookstores and the Spa (961-6900), Linder offers much advice to the older woman. Some of the points are applicable to women of any age, and these include:

- Don't become a grown-up Barbie Doll, a victim of the great chase for a younger look. Go for sophistication.
- Develop your own personal style. Avoid trends.
- Think linear rather than hourglass. Become a camouflage expert if you don't have a good figure.
- Begin with a good bra. It can change you silhouette and posture.
- **Blonde hair can look ridiculous on a woman with wrinkles. Go with the gray to change your look and individualize your personal statement.**
- Know that color adds life. When you have gray hair, you must wear make-up.
- Flaunt what you've got. Remember that make-up is not merely an application of color; it should also reflect your complexion, wardrobe and lifestyle.
- Avoid the older women cliche of short hair. It's too mannish. Select a medium length for its face-framing benefits.
- Preserve your femininity. Avoid masculine clothes, slacks, shoes. Get rid of flat shoes in public. Invest in a well-fitting little heel.
- Don't be impressed with yourself. It means that you're satisfied and have stopped working on being the best you can be.

"The first impression is the most important no matter what — so impress," she said with a twist of that jewelled hand.



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Fashion

Agents say Canadians seek good-quality items

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

"Don't you agree?" Nancy MacLean asked her partner.

Michael James nodded his head slowly.

The general concensus is that most Toronto buyers of large department stores purchase safe, even boring fashions.

"It's great for the accessory business," James added. "Women are now paying big bucks for accessories that will change or update their wardrobes. Our crystal jewelry is just walking out of here."

James and MacLean are co-owners of Accentrix, a company that represents Canadian clothing and accessory lines. In addition to the collections they represent, the two also carry their own jewelry line designed by James.

The Collection Accentrix is a line of crystal jewelry that uses geometric shapes to create a bold new look. James admitted that designing the line is a real challenge.

"I have always been in sales. At first, I started in the recording industry in record sales, while I also owned a clothing store in Kitchener. Although I have no formal training, the work just comes naturally.

"Sometimes I can work for a 12 hour stretch while other times, I have trouble just staying at it for an hour," he said.

For MacLean's part, her area of expertise is also sales but that hasn't always been the case.

"I worked for the school board in Kitchener for 14 years, but I decided I wanted more. I also came to Toronto 5 years ago. I didn't have any sales background so James referred me to the wholesale industry where I did begin in sales. I just love the challenge." she said.

As agents, what, in their opinion, does the Canadian consumer want from the fashion industry?

"Quality. They want something of good quality that will last and stay in good condition. Basically, there are two markets out there — the lower or mid priced clothes and the higher. More and more the Canadian consumer is leaning towards the higher end. She knows what she wants," James explained.

"There have been a lot of changes in the Toronto fashion scene. It's very exciting because there are many great designers here," MacLean added.

"It is very cosmopolitan as opposed to what it was eight or nine years ago," James said, again nodding his head in agreement. "I have spoken to a number of Americans and they can't believe it. The talent that is coming out right now is promoting the city itself."

The partners carry a number of clothing companies. Among the list are Keith Richardson, Ilona Hill, and a collection called Hautline. One particular line, Coby Clothing, supplies a line of sportswear and suitings.

Coby Clothing is a young design company based north of Toronto. Designer Eilen Isaac founded the business in April 1987 to provide quality garments that are functional, sophisticated and realistically priced.

In addition to the clothing, the team represents seven accessory lines, including their own. Basing themselves in Toronto at 700 King St W., James and MacLean, have spent the last four years building the company. They now have buyers from Montreal to Vancouver, and they say this is not the end.

"Right now, we're just putting all the energy into building up the agency. We are still building our reputation in the industry. For the future? We hope to start selling to the U.S. and Britain." MacLean said.

"Accessories are very big there right now," James explained.

MacLean nodded in agreement.

Cool and comfortable His outfit is from Perry Ellis' collection of casual classics. A hand-knit sweater is teamed with cotton striped shirt and check pants. For her, a trip back in time with an Adorable Jr. cape jacket and contrasting slim skirt. Both available at Brettons.

Accessory company watches bottom line

From head to toe and in between, Cosmoda Design, an accessories company, has something to brighten everyone's wardrobe.

This season, Cosmoda has taken some of the older accessory ideas and adapted them in the newest, up-to-date fashions.

For example, Swatch Watches, which are a type of wrist art, lean heavily on avant-garde currents in art and architecture this season. Another piece that is known as the psychedelic PopSwatch, has a captivated audience. The watch snaps in and out of the holder and strap to sit anywhere — on a T-shirt, jacket or handbag.

Another bestseller for this season is Sensi Sandals. These are well suited for the beach, the gym or a mid-day workout because of the ventilated soles which allow the air to circulate. The design is multi-layered so that sand and water may flow through the bottom away from the feet.

Finally, a full line of hair accessories are available from Cosmoda Designs. Featuring pieces in the shapes of bows, flowers and full headbands, these items contribute to interesting and unique hairstyles.

Awareness of market trends gave Cosmoda the edge four years ago when they won the Swatch licence for Canada, a business that has been brisk ever since. Two years later, as a result of their success with Swatch, Tissot was added to the Cosmoda line. As well, Coca-Cola is the largest licensor to grant distribution rights the company.

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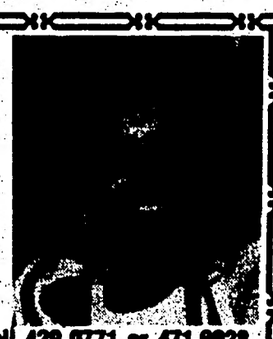

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Arts

Electrifying ballet sequences help rescue Shadow Dancing

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Lewis Furey, in *Shadow Dancing*, marries dance with drama, and the result is largely lamentable.

Call it, if you will, an unhappy marriage.

Let me say right off that there's nothing whatsoever wrong with the conception. In Toronto, a dance company is rehearsing in an old theatre for an upcoming production. Jessica (Nadine Van Der Velde), a smalltown girl unsure of her abilities, auditions for a part. The other performers don't like her, and the lead dancer, Philip Crest (Gregory Osborne), scoffs at her talents, such as they are.

With Philip about to hand Jessica her walking papers, Jessica is possessed by the spirit of Liliane La Nuit, a dancer who was murdered in the theatre 50 years ago at the height of her career. Magically transformed by La Nuit's memory, Jessica becomes a superior dancer. A few people are impressed, mainly Philip, Edmund Beaumont (Christopher Plummer), the dotty proprietor of the theatre, and Anthony Podopolis (John Colicos), a strutting threatre critic.

But Nicole (Shirley Douglas), Philip's assistant and lover, and Paul (James Kee), Jessica's Mr. Nice Guy boyfriend, are less than excited.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Shadow Dancing* quickly descends into coarse melodrama — never managing to rid itself of the histrionics and false dawns that, unfortunately, become enmeshed in its supernatural structure.

There isn't anything startling or original about this film, and it comes apart at the seams like a stricken plane plunging to the ground.

Jessica's communion with the ghost of Liliane strikes me as silly, even ridiculous, and the dark mutterings of Beaumont's creepy old sister (Kay Tremblay) leave a similar impression. In general, the cast is passable, although I might add that Plummer, an otherwise fine actor, is completely wasted here.

What saves this film from total oblivion are the dance sequences, which range from above-average to electrifying. Choreographer Timothy Spain and his dancers, notably Osborne, Van Der Velde and Sandi McCarthy, can take the credit. Without these scenes, which seem to exist in a world all of their own, *Shadow Dancing* would be a writeoff.

Gregory Osborne and Nadine Van Der Velde star in Shadow Dancing.

Fruitless to seek Holocaust causes, says Meiselman

By DAVID BIRKAN

Trying to determine the causes for the Holocaust from economic, historical, or other natural processes is a form of paganism that is both fruitless and dangerous, according to a new Orthodox magazine published in Jerusalem.

Deuteronomy's injunction against bowing down before the sun, moon, and stars — against biblical forms of idolatry and paganism — also applies to what is described as modern paganism.

"The notion that the salvation of humanity lies in understanding natural processes, in grasping historical processes is also the worship of Nature."

So writes Rabbi Moshe Meiselman in his article Towards A Torah Understanding of the Holocaust, in the inaugural issue of *Oraisa*.

"A deterministic historical understanding of persecution amounts to an obstinate refusal to listen to God," writes Meiselman. He terms such determinism as *keri*, a Hebrew word designating occurrence. The term came from an injunction in Leviticus against following God in a manner called *keri* — according to circumstance, subjectively, and relativistically.

"The turning away from the status of a chosen people, and the frightening rush toward assimilation were the real causes for the Holocaust," he writes. The failure to appreciate this can only lead to more destruction.

The two other articles in the 65-page magazine deal with the Jews' roles in civilization and with business ethics, as determined by the Torah and subsequent commentators.

Publication of the first issue of Oraisa was underwritten by Toronto businessman Michael Kaiser and his wife Judy. They have been devotees of Meiselman for several years, after having first approached him when he published a book on the role of women in Judaism.

Meiselman founded and heads Jerusalem's Yeshivas Toras Moshe. He is the nephew of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Joseph Soloveichik. Meiselman, who was also a university mathematics professor, moved to Israel in 1982. He is the scion of a long line of rabbis: Toras Moshe is named after his late grandfather Rabbi Moshe Soloveichik.

Oraisa will be coming out twice or three times a year, Kaiser told The CJN. Its future financial disposition will depend on public response, he said. Right now, Oraisa is available through donations to the yeshiva. It has been mailed to a number of potential contributors.

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Oldfashioned stage musical welcome

Don Messer's Jubilee proves winner

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

During these last lingering weeks of summer, there is an oldfashioned musical playing around town that is a real winner.

Don Messer's Jubilee running until Sept. 30 at the St. Lawrence Centre, 366-7723) is John Gray's valentine to the Maritimers responsible for the weekly country music show which was so popular in the 1960s that it attracted an even bigger TV audience than *Hockey Night In Canada.*

But Gray, the gifted Canadian playwright who also created *Billy Bishop Goes To War* and *Rock 'n' Roll*, has not written a conventional valentine.

True, it's a bit corny in spots But Gray is too sophisticated to be a cornball.

He successfully combines hot spice with sugary sentiment. The result is a sometimes biting yet oddly moving paean to a quintessentially Canadian folk institution.

I must confess I never regarded the show that way during the 10 years when it was a fixture on CBC-TV. To me, it was nasal, whining, do-se-do square dances, abysmally boring stuff designed to please the nicks of Halifax. I invariably switched it off.

However, I must confess that Gray's musical moved me to laughter and to tears. Why so? Because Gray here was not intent on glorifying country music: rather, he was trying to get at the heart and soul of the *people* who performed it.

As Gray reveals in a program note, it was a difficult balancing act. He attempted to "communicate the charm of the subject, while maintaining a degree of parody. I didn't want to become too pious, to take these characters more seriously than they took themselves."

David Walden stars as Charlie Chamberlain in Don Messer's Jubilee musical at St. Lawrence Centre.

As a consequence, I fell in love with the musical in 1985 when I first saw it at the Markham Centre during the course of its Canadian tour. And my love affair has deepened after witnessing its superb current production staged by Malcolm Black, artistic director of Theatre Plus.

Two performers exceptional

Two performers in the cast of seven are exceptional.

Catherine McKinnon is in top form as the plump and homely old-maid singer, Marg Osburne. She is poignant as she recounts being jilted in the ballad, *Plain Girls In Love With Conceited Young Men.*

And she is hilarious in the comic duet sung to a polka beat, *It's Been Going On For Years.* In it we learn of her behind-the-scenes feud with the hefty former lumberjack from New Brunswick, Charlie Chamberlain.

As portrayed by David Walden (who played Old Deuteronomy in *Cats)*, Charlie comes across as a loveable, Jackie Gleason-like boozer. He wears his bowler hat at a rakish angle and carries a mickey of rum in his hip pocket.

Charlie confides it's a pain in the neck being partnered with such a pure virgin queen as Marg. She retaliates that if you lit a match to Charlie's liquorish breath, he surely would blow up in flames.

The satire is at its sharpest in *The Corporation Reel*, which mocks the CBC for axing the show in 1969 when its popularity was at its peak. The four Buchta Square Dancers, representing CBC bureaucrats, wield knives to stab in the back their dance partners, which are tailor's dummies representing the Messer gang.

A Messer fan is quoted as asking the CBC in a derisive letter of complaint: "Why butcher a cow when it still gives milk?"

The Corporation's reply is cited with bitterness: "It was canned because it wasn't youth-oriented enough."

Snubbed by tavern buddies

When singing the dirge-like ballad, *Payday Companions and Fairweather Friends*, Charlie is shown being snubbed by his one-time tavern buddies. "What's old Charlie going to do now?" he asks plaintively. "Old Charlie is too old to go back to the woods."

Gray's valentine is so loving and so jubilant and so tender, it made me wish I hadn't switched off so hastily *Don Messer's Jubilee.*

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Lenya won fame as keeper of Kurt Weill's flame

By
FRANK RASKY

Lotte Lenya

Kurt Weill

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Miriam Laurence

They were a most unusual musical couple.

Kurt Weill (1900-1950), best known as the composer of the jittery, jazzy, satirically biting *Threepenny Opera*, was a German Jew. His father was a cantor and his mother was a pianist and he himself was an archetypical intellectual.

Self-conscious about his five-foot-three height, he was a bashful, balding introvert who sucked thoughtfully on a pipe and peered at the world from behind thick, professorial glasses. He was gentle in manner, had a high speaking voice, and could remain absorbed in reflection or in his work for hours at a time.

He was genuinely astonished when his wife once scolded him for being so withdrawn.

"Kurt, don't you love me any more?" she sulked.

He replied in amazement, "Darling, you know you come right after my music."

His wife, **Lotte Lenya** (1898-1981), best known as the "widow Weill" — interpreter and custodian of her husband's smoky and strident ballads — was a Viennese Roman Catholic. Her father was a florist's delivery coachman and her mother was a peasant laundress and she herself became the singing embodiment of decadent Berlin of the 1920s and 1930s.

No beauty, she had a face like the map of her dissolute life. She was a scrawny angular redhead, a chainsmoker, with equine features, a beaky nose, and buck teeth barely contained inside a wide scarlet gash of a mouth. Her singing voice, which she mockingly called "an octave below laryngitis," was as harsh and rasping as sandpaper.

But despite her physical defects, she exuded an exotic sensuousness that lured both male and female lovers like moths to a flame. They ranged from Weill's librettist, **Paul Green,** to the German dancer, **Tilly Losch.** But Weill, who divorced and then remarried her, and had his own love affairs on the side, was always ready to forgive his "little Lenja Benja" for the infidelities. He called them "*spielerei*" — German for childish trifles.

He assured her, "I love your vitality, and your lust for life, and I'm sure God likes it, too." As usual, he concluded his letter, "With many kisses from your Weilli."

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The ups and downs of their merry-go-round relationship are reflected in the cynical phrase of Weimar Berlin, "Love is eternal — as long as it lasts." Much of that free-wheeling spirit doubtlessly will be recaptured in the Leah Posluns Theatre's revival of the 1972 musical revue, *Berlin To Broadway With Kurt Weill*. Co-starring the Toronto performers **June Garba, Marie Baron** and **Gary Krawford,** it will run from Aug. 31 until Sept. 24.

To prepare yourself for that show, I suggest you read **Donald Spoto's** well-researched new biography, **Lenya** (Little, Brown Canada; 370 pages; $24.95). The book is illuminating, because Spoto had access to the correspondence of Weill and Lenya as well as Lenya's unfinished memoir of her early life.

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And what a sordid life it was! Her father was a vicious drunk who slapped and beat her every time she eagerly fetched him a stein of beer from the tavern. She became a prostitute at 11, a masochist with the rejected child's insatiable need to prove herself loveworthy.

After Weill's death in 1950, she had three husbands — each a self-destructive, alcoholic homosexual years younger than herself. Spoto theorizes that her father's maltreatment had initiated her lifelong craving for men "who in some sense would ignore or abuse her."

She appears to have found in the paternalistic Weill the one man who would bolster her poor self-image. He made sure she played key roles in his two major collaborations with **Bertolt Brecht** — *The Threepenny Opera* in 1928 and *Mahagonny* in 1930. In 1935, when they both fled from Hitler's Germany to New York, he likewise insisted that she perform in **Max Reinhardt's** $500,000 production of the **Kurt Weill-Franz Werfel** musical spectacular glorifying Judaism, *The Eternal Road*, at the Manhattan Opera House.

In turn, following his death at 50 from a massive heart attack, she truly grieved for him and remained firm in her resolve "to fight for his music, to keep it alive, to do everything in my power to make it known."

The torch she carried for Weill blazed most brightly in 1954 when she was a 55-year-old chanteuse with a shrill German accent performing at $25 a week in the Greenwich Village Theatre de Lys. She strode onstage to croon the *Pirate Jenny* song from the stunning **Marc Blitzstein** version of *Threepenny* and thus became a legend in her own right.

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Spoto recounts an episode in his book that I found oddly moving. It involves **Brecht**, the brilliant but hardboiled Communist, who grabbed most of the glory — plus more than 60% of the royalties — from his collaborations with the genteel Weill. Indeed, the grandstander once refused to pose for a publicity photo with the composer, exclaiming contemptuously: "I'll kick that fake Richard Strauss downstairs."

Lenya remembered her encounter with Brecht in East Berlin shortly before his death in 1956 from a heart attack at the age of 58. She showed him the *Berlin Theatre Songs* she was preparing to record for a Columbia album in Hamburg.

"At that time, everything was epic-this and epic-that with him, and all about Brechtian alienation," she recalled. "And I thought, 'Oh, the hell with all this. I'll just sing it as I always have.'"

Brecht sat and listened attentively. Then she paused to ask, "Maybe this isn't epic enough for you, Brecht? Maybe you don't like it?"

She remembered how he walked over to touch her face and said softly, "Lenya, darling, whatever you do is epic enough for me."

She never forgot how the tough and cynical Brecht, whose warmth and humanity had rarely been displayed to anyone, then began to weep.

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This week's tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to **Lisa Kostyk,** the 28-year-old director-founder of the Yonge St. Players whose studio has recently been relocated in the new North York City Centre (225-9120). Her troupe of 12 Pint Size Players, aged from 11 to 14, are presenting a free comedy improv show, *Addicted To TV*, at 7 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park at Bathurst and Sheppard. The kids spoof everything from TV sitcom series to the *Thirtysomething* show which in their lampoon is retitled *Fourteensomething*.

Congratulations also to another gifted stage director, **Miriam Laurence,** artistic director of Meeting Place Productions (651-7048). As the culmination of an intensive, six-week Theatre Ontario Youth Training Program, she recently staged an original translation and adaptation of **August Strindberg's** seminal work, *A Dream Play*, performed by 13 young actors at the Seneca College Studio Theatre.

Dr. Brian W. Hands, an ear, nose and throat specialist, is beaming over the success of "my son, the filmmaker." His son is 17-year-old **Jeffrey Hands,** who co-wrote, produced, directed and syndicated his own half-hour feature film, *Double Daniel*. A fantasy about a 13-year-old schoolboy and his wicked alter ego, the movie was recently shown on CBC-TV's *Canadian Reflections* series, and young Hands hopes to attract pay-TV interest. He's already raising money for his next film.

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I bow out with this true story from **Ben Eliezer's** new book, *More of the World's Best Jewish Jokes* (Raincoast Books of Vancouver; 95 pages; $6.95).

Sir Moses Montefiore, the noted British philanthropist, was seated at dinner next to an anti-Semitic nobleman. "Just been to Japan," exclaimed the duke. "Great country. No pigs and no Jews."

"In that case, you and I, my lord, should go there at once," said Sir Moses. "Then it would have one of each."

Soviet Jewish author to speak at book fair

TORONTO —

Hershel Polianker, 78, a leader of the Yiddish cultural revival in the Ukraine, will speak in Yiddish at the Toronto Jewish Book Fair, Sunday, Oct. 29, at 1.30 p.m. His topic will be "Perspective for Yiddish Culture in the Soviet Union."

He is the first Soviet Jewish author to visit Canada since the famous war tour of North America by Shloime Mikhoels and Itzik Fefer in 1943.

Polianker is an essayist, editor, novelist and a survivor of the Gulag. On Aug. 12, 1952, 24 leading Soviet Yiddish writers were taken into the cellars of Lubyanka prison and executed. Polianker was not included and to this day does not know how the draw for execution was made.

Several of his books have been translated from Yiddish to Russian and Ukrainian.

After the war, he was editor of the Yiddish journal in Kiev, "Sovietishe Literature," in collaboration with Fefer and David Hofshtein, and later of the monthly almanac "Der Shtern" (The Star).

He was removed from the editorship by the Stalinist onslaught and finally arrested and imprisoned. His latest work is the story of his shattering experiences and is now being published in "Sovietish Heimland" (April-June issues, 1989). It may be published in Yiddish and English in book form.

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Looks at changes in humor

Only Kidding looks at bizarre behavior of comedians

By
GERRY MORRIS

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NEW YORK —

"Only Kidding" is a sharply observant new off-Broadway play that is surprisingly fresh, clever and funny. It chronicles the changes in stand-up comedy from the demise of The Ed Sullivan Show to the rise of Johnny Carson. This shrewdly developed play focuses on the bizarre attitude and behavior of two generations of comedians hungrily vying for a spot on a big time late night T.V. show out of Hollywood.

The slipping oldtimer is represented by sagging, overbearing stand-up comic Jackie Dwayne (Larry Keith), product of the borscht-belt, and his younger counterpart Jerry Goldstein (Paul Provenza).

Jerry is a ruthlessly ambitious new wave funnyman, hyped up on cocaine and headed for a fall, following the explosive dissolution of his partnership with Tom Kelly (Andrew Hill Newman) the other half of the comedy team of "Tom & Jerry," who for the most part have been playing "toilets" (low down comedy cellars).

Many of the jokes that get the biggest laughs are the Catskill chestnuts that come out of the mouth of Dwayne, who never lets you forget his 31 appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show.

Jim Geoghan, the playwright, knows the clown's terrain inside out, having spent eight years as a stand-up comic before turning his talents to writing. The title of this play is first used by the wisecracking older comic, who explains how he wins over the audience by attacking a fat woman in the front row, adding the phrase "only kidding" to every insult he hurls at her. "I have found one emotion that binds us together as human beings," he says. "Hate!"

The playwright commented that, "Most of the jokes I've heard over the years in various forms are done by at least five different comedians. Typical is the one about the old woman on the beach with her grandson, which was originally done by Myron Cohen. When the kid gets swept away by a wave, she prays to God for his return. A wave deposits the kid, she kisses the grandson and then turns to God and complains, 'He had a hat.' "

Larry Keith

Paul Provenza

Mr. Geoghan added, "The good thing about comedy is you know right away if you're suited. You can be a bad doctor for many years before you realize it. In comedy you know as soon as the audience doesn't laugh. It amazes me that audiences laugh at the most shameful old jokes, many of which are insensitive to different minorities." The playwright then continued, "I think people are laughing at themselves for finding funny the same Polish joke that would just draw a stare if it were told at a party."

Comedy, somebody said, isn't always pretty ("dying is easy — comedy is tough"). Neither apparently are comics always nice — some possess an ugliness that heads straight for the jugular. "Only Kidding" is a play that affords an insightful study of the neurosis of the clown's personality, exploring the demons that fuel the hostility that sometimes rages beneath the funny and hurtful punchlines.

The first scene of "Only Kidding" is set in a Catskills' bungalow where Jackie confronts a young obsessively fastidious gag writer named Sheldon Kelinski (Howard Speigel). The two men are from different worlds, and their dialogue indicates just how much our culture and taste in jokes has changed. The second scene takes place in another world, the basement of a seedy comedy club. Tom and Jerry are confronted by a mob-connected nitery owner (Sam Zap) who offers them an appearance on a Johnny Carson type T.V. show on outrageous terms. The driven Jerry longs for success at any price and is prepared to accept the proposition, and this results in wildly different reactions between the two comics.

There are five first rate performances, including an outstanding one by Paul Provenza. Watch for the name of Jim Geoghan. He is a playwright we will be hearing from again.

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Fans and their friends will learn from Seymour's baseball book

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Baseball fans and friends of fans will find Harold Seymour's newly reprinted *Baseball: The Early Years* and *Baseball: The Golden Age* ($16 each, softcover) a fascinating account of the game, of its colorful personalities, and of the turbulent society that fostered its development.

Baseball: The Early Years, first published in 1960, was the first doctoral dissertation on baseball accepted by a university (Cornell's) history department. The second volume, which describes the troubles and triumphs of the game from the turn of the century to 1930, was first published in 1971. Teacher, businessmen, and superfan Seymour has been advocating a serious intellectual approach to the game for almost 50 years now. In the recent half of the past decade, his call has been heeded with a vengeance.

According to the lore of the game, baseball was developed in Cooperstown, New York, in 1939. Despite the fact that baseball was known to have been played earlier, adapted from the English game of rounders, Cooperstown remains "the sacred shrine" of the game, writes Seymour. The town's "hallowed" Doubleday Field (named after the game's supposed inventor, Gen. Abner Doubleday), and its hall of fame and museum draw thousands upon thousands of Americans, and now Canadians too, in annual "pilgrimages."

The game's spread was temporarily halted by the U.S. Civil War, after which it began to catch on like wildfire. As fans multiplied, so did teams and owners and their role in the economy. By the turn of the century it had become, in the words of Mark Twain, "the very symbol, the outward and visible expression of the drive and push and rush and struggle of the raging, tearing, booming nineteenth century."

While the game may be enjoying a kind of renaissance currently, it was in the first 30 years of this century that baseball enjoyed its "strongest emotional grip upon Americans," writes Seymour, in Baseball: The Golden Years.

The scandal of 1919, in which gambling syndicate head Arnold Rothstein tried to fix the World Series, tarnished the game. In the subsequent throes of a kind of national *teshuvah*, fans, players, officials, and others associated with the game rededicated themselves to baseball with unprecedented ardor. In one sentence of Seymour's: "Overall attendance and profits increased, new steel and concrete stadiums arose in place of the earlier wooden grandstands, the annual World Series became a national institution, and such new heroes as Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb, and Babe Ruth won the acclaim of the public and the press."

Seymour's delivery of the details makes vivid and comprehensive reading. Fans of the game, particularly Canadian ones who have joined the bandwagon recently, will find much substance with which to enhance their appreciation. Their friends will find in Seymour's writing a not-so-implicit explanation of why baseball has been called the religion of America.

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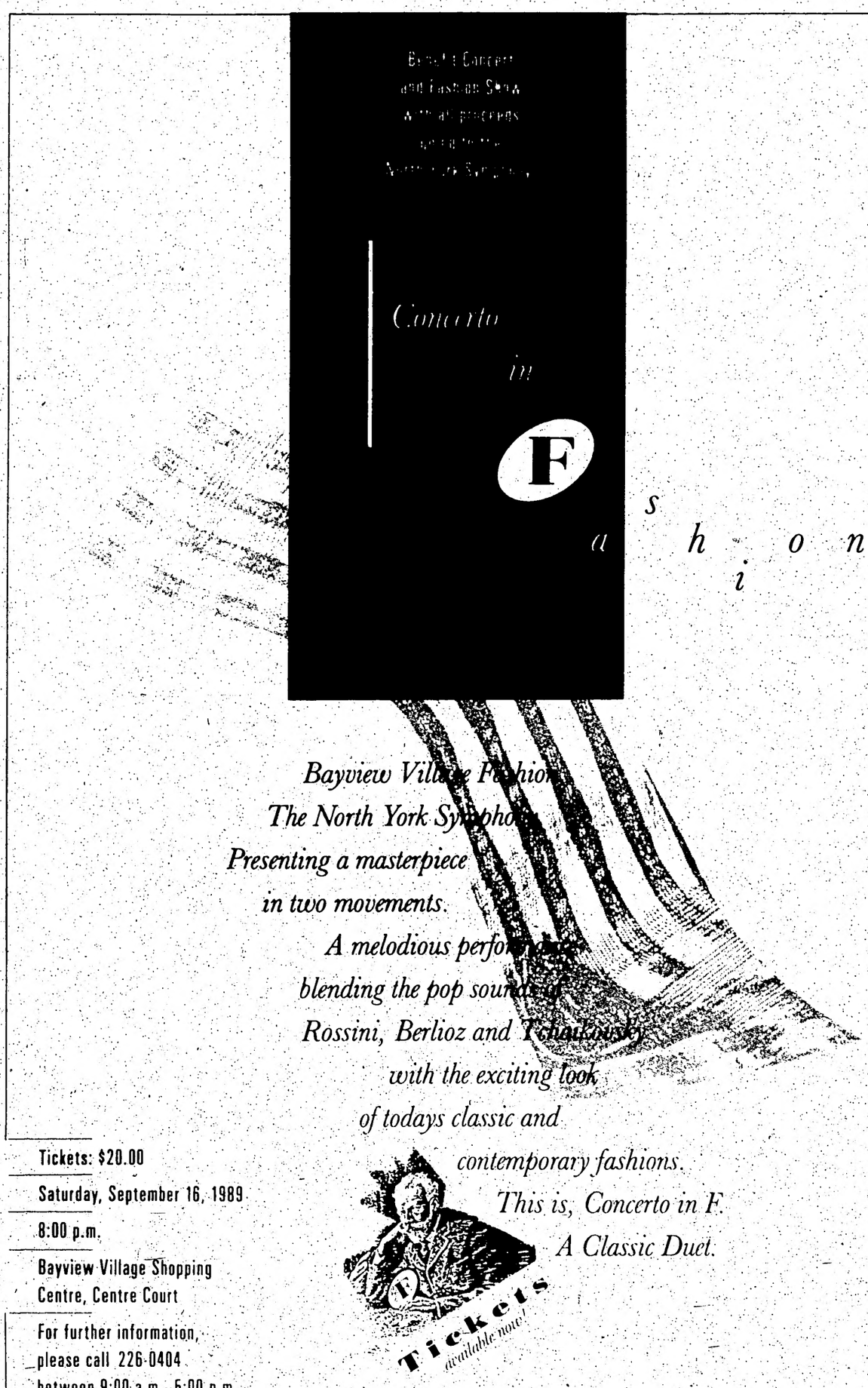
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Description provides invaluable contribution

Historian helps keep memory of Jews of Vilna alive

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

From That Place And Time, A Memoir 1938-1947 by Lucy S. Dawidowicz. Norton & Co. $21.95 (U.S.)

Lucy Shildkret, a native New Yorker, was one of the last visitors to see Vilna before its tragic destruction. In 1938 it was part of Poland and the centre of Jewish learning and creativity, a gathering place for commercial and intellectual life.

Called the "Jerusalem of Lithuania" for its many yeshivot, it was also a world centre of Yiddish secular studies and publishing. It was a picturesque city of medieval arches, baroque churches and cobbled streets.

Jews numbered about 30% of the population (60,000) and the "streets resounded with Yiddish." The author writes, "In this period a new kind of Jewish culture emerged, characterized by the fertilizating interplay of opposites — the old and the new, the secular and the religious, Zionist and non-Zionist — where Hebrew and Yiddish competed with each other and also with a nascent Jewish literary culture in the Polish language. Both popular and high Jewish culture flourished. It was a feverish flowering in the shadow of death."

At the age of 23, a recent college graduate, a student of English Romantic Poetry and a fervent Yiddishist, Shildkret accepted a grant to study at the Vilna Scientific Institute (YIVO) a centre established in 1925 for Yiddish study and culture.

So, when many desperate Jews were fleeing the approaching menace, she went to Europe and worked at YIVO for about a year, leaving just a few days before the Nazi invasion of Poland.

Now, a half-century later, a renowned and respected historian, she has written a powerful and poignant memoir of her Vilna experience. Life wasn't easy — there was no hot running water or central heating and poverty in the Jewish quarter was omnipresent. But for the quick, bright and curious young woman there was a hectic round of activities — music, theatre, lectures and sport events.

As Nazi propaganda innundated Poland, the existing anti-semitism intensified. Jews were attacked in the streets by drunken students and from the highest seats of the government came the cry, "Expel the Jews from Poland."

In a recent interiview the author declares, "It's very fashionable now among some historians to say that Polish anti-semitism has been greatly exaggerated. I hope that by spelling out, in small detail, what really happened, my book will help set the record straight."

When she returned to Europe in 1947 to work among Jewish survivors in displaced prison camps she journeyed through Hitler's devastated Reich helping Holocaust survivors resume some kind of cultural life. She was able to salvage 420 cases of books from Vilna's YIVO's library that had been carted away by the Nazis to Frankfurt.

Only 3,000 Vilna Jews survived the war. The author believes that by portraying the people she knew she has given them some kind of posterity. She has rescued them from the dust.

Passionate, intense, detailed and knowledgeable, Dawidowicz's description of an ancient and famous Jewish community just before its destruction is an invaluable contribution to our understanding of a way of life that is no more.

John Amos and Sylvester Stallone star in Lock Up.

Lock Up carries on Stallone tradition

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

On the road to stardom, Sylvester Stallone has typecast himself as a tough guy with a tender heart — a sort of Italianate Sabra.

In *Rocky* and *Rambo*, Stallone, a monosyllabic hearthrob, is cast as a modest hometown boy who, despite the odds ranged against him, somehow always triumphs.

It's a winning formula, and it has made Stallone into a multimillionaire.

With *Lock Up*, he carries on the *Rocky/Rambo* tradition. Cast as Frank Leone, a model prisoner who's tormented by a vengeful warden (Donald Sutherland) and his malicious minions, Stallone triumphs yet again.

I don't mean to imply that *Lock Up*, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is a paragon of filmmaking. Perish the thought! I simply mean that, from a purely commercial point of view, it will register a tidy profit and thereby enable Stallone to go on playing the papier-mache roles to which he has become so accustomed.

Directed by John Flynn, *Lock Up* changes gears as often as a racing car driver maneuvering around a tight corner, accelerating from blissful serenity to brutal violence in just a matter of seconds or minutes.

Take the first scene. Leone revels in the embrace of his girlfriend (Darlanne Fluegel), and enjoys a pickup game of football, before returning to the minimum security prison where he has only six months left to serve. Suddenly, the ambience changes by 180 degrees as he's dragged out of bed, hustled uncerimoniously to a maximum security jail and immediately brutalized. The pattern is established: the eruption of sudden, wanton violence.

Breaks spirit

Lock Up revolves around the methodical effort by Drumgoole, the flinty warden, to break Leone's spirit. Drumgoole, having been humiliated by Leone, is determined to extend his sentence, even by ignoble methods. It's a game: if Leone rebels or tries to escape, he'll lock him up, if possible, for life.

So the whole film, which is technically proficient, is about Leone's battle of wits to survive — to restrain himself in the face of Drumgoole's constant provocations.

Lock Up portrays prison life with unrelenting grimness. Anyone who takes freedom for granted may think twice after watching the degradations to which prisoners are subjected. It's an extremely harsh existence, and Stallone and company milk it for all they can.

The scene which best encapsulates the Darwinian nature of prison existence is the football game in the winter mud. It is raw, elemental stuff. In this contest of survival, Stallone comes face to face with his bete noire, Weber (Sonny Landham), a bully who has already lashed at him with a concealed knife.

Muttering his way through the film, Stallone, his biceps glinting, exhibits the modicum talents of an actor who can get away with anything. The rest of the cast is competent — John Amos as the head guard; Tom Sizemore as a convict who can "fix" practically anything; Larry Romano as a prisoner who falls afoul of Weber; Frank McRae as a convict who takes Leone under his wings.

Sutherland, Canada's contribution to Hollywood, is restricted to a few lines of dialogue here and there, and makes little of an impression.

Although *Lock Up* works fairly well, its addiction to wholesale violence can wear thin. But, for some viewers, it comes as something of an emotional release — which is no accident. Stallone knows what the market will bear and he delivers it on a silver platter.

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Travel

Hitler in Chamber of Horrors

Queen Victoria lives in Royal London Wax Museum

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

It is appropriate, of course, that Queen Victoria, after whom this city is named, be given a place of honor in the Royal London Wax Museum here — one of the most popular tourist attractions in Victoria.

The young Victoria greets you in the lobby but the older Victoria, who is featured in an exhibit inside, is seen not with her adored husband Prince Albert but rather with her prime minister, Benjamin Disraeli. And in the official museum booklet, there are only two full-color, full-page photos: the one of Victoria with Disraeli and one of Queen Elizabeth II.

The booklet describes Disraeli as one of Victoria's favorite ministers . . . "won her completely." And the copy adds: "Disraeli was a Jew, a successful author and a poet; hardly assets for a politician. The fact that he rose to become one of Britain's truly great prime ministers is tribute enough to his charm, intelligence and immense ability . . . On his death, 'Dizzy' was mourned by millions but by none more sincerely than the Queen he had served so well."

There are other exhibits in the museum with a distinct "Jewish angle." In the Hall of Religion is the figure of Moses, receiving the Ten Commandments atop Mount Sinai. The description of this exhibit says that he led his people out of Egyptian slavery when he was 80 years old, and that he died at the age of 120. His death, says the copy, "is a mystery; his burial place remains unknown to this day . . . To Christians and Jews he remains one of the greatest national leaders of all time."

There is a bench for spectators to sit down in front of the exhibit of The Last Supper, reproduced from the painting by Leonardo da Vinci in 1495. While seated you can listen to a narration that this is the Passover supper of Jesus and his disciples and that it took place on a Thursday evening four days after Jesus had entered Jerusalem "as a leader, proclaimed by some the King of Israel."

In the Galaxy of Stars, which portrays such screen favorites as Charlie Chaplin, John Wayne and Gary Cooper, there is a scene showing Canada's Lorne Greene with his Bonanza crew. The booklet notes that "many Canadian radio personalities received their start in Lorne Greene's Academy of Radio Arts in Toronto."

Down in the basement, in what is described as the Chamber of Horrors, are the "bad guys" of history, including Adolf Hitler and Adolf Eichmann. While the exhibits surrounding them show gory scenes of victims of the guillotine, the rope, cat of nine tails, the rack and other medieval instruments of torture, Hitler and Eichmann, although shown behind iron bars, are dressed nattily in their uniforms, seemingly unconcerned about the evil they have wrought.

The copy on the sign explaining Hitler, says merely that he was a "spell-binding orator who could sway the crowds to delirium. He was an evil genius who plunged the world into the most catastrophic war of history." But there is no indication that he caused the greatest slaughter of Jews in history.

Eichmann is identified as the head of the Jewish SS department who "consciously but unconscionably" banished six million "human beings" to the gas chambers. No indication that they were Jews.

Queen Victoria with Benjamin Disraeli featured in exhibit at the Royal London Wax Museum in Victoria.

Ken Lane, director of the family-owned museum, when asked by a CJN reporter why Hitler and Eichmann were not closely identified with the Holocaust and why there was not an exhibit of the gas chambers as part of the Chamber of Horrors, said that a great many of the visitors to the gallery are Germans and he didn't want to cause any ill feelings among tourists.

He admitted he had recently received a letter from a Vancouver man who complained that the Eichmann copy read that Eichmann carried out the "final solution of the Jewish problem." The letter maintained that only the words "final solution" should be in quotes, and not the rest of the sentence — otherwise the implication was that there actually was a Jewish problem.

Lane said that after consulting his researchers, the present copy was agreed on — that Eichmann sent six million human beings to the gas chambers. This change was made in June of this year.

Lane added, however, that he was amenable to a further change in copy about both Hitler and Eichmann and it was suggested to him by this reporter that he might consult the Canadian Jewish Congress about further changes. As for including an exhibit of a gas chamber, he said there wasn't enough space available.

Lane did point out that the Hitler-Eichmann exhibit required more maintenance daily than other exhibits as viewers not only hissed and booed when they saw the figures, but spit on them.

The Royal London Wax Museum is located at 470 Belleville St., right near the Legislative Building. It occupies 40,000 square feet and exhibits 275 figures. It's open all year except on Christmas Day.

The admission fee is $5 per person and $1 for the official booklet. The gallery attracts some 400,000 visitors a year, said Lane.

New guide books offer varied word pictures of exotic destinations

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

It's never too early to start planning your next trip, whether it's to Florida, California, Mexico or Asia...

Florida, plunging into the Atlantic Ocean like a bloated dagger, attracted some 34 million tourists last year, among whom were more than a few Canadians.

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Having been to Mexico twice, I can vouch for it as a desirable destination, particularly in winter.

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So if you're planning to travel to Mexico, don't leave town without *Hidden Mexico (Raincoast Books, $17.95)*, which, among other things, contains up to date information on its most famous resorts — Acapulco, Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan.

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Like its southerly neighbor, California is an alluring place. Think of San Francisco, Muir Woods National Monument, San Diego or Santa Barbara and and you'll know what I mean.

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I haven't been to the Far East, but if I should ever decide to go there I will certainly take with me three pocket-size guides — *North-East Asia On a Shoestring (Raincoast, $15.95), Bali & Lombok: A Travel Survival Kit (Raincoast Books, $14.95)* and *Tramping in New Zealand (Raincoast, $14.95).*

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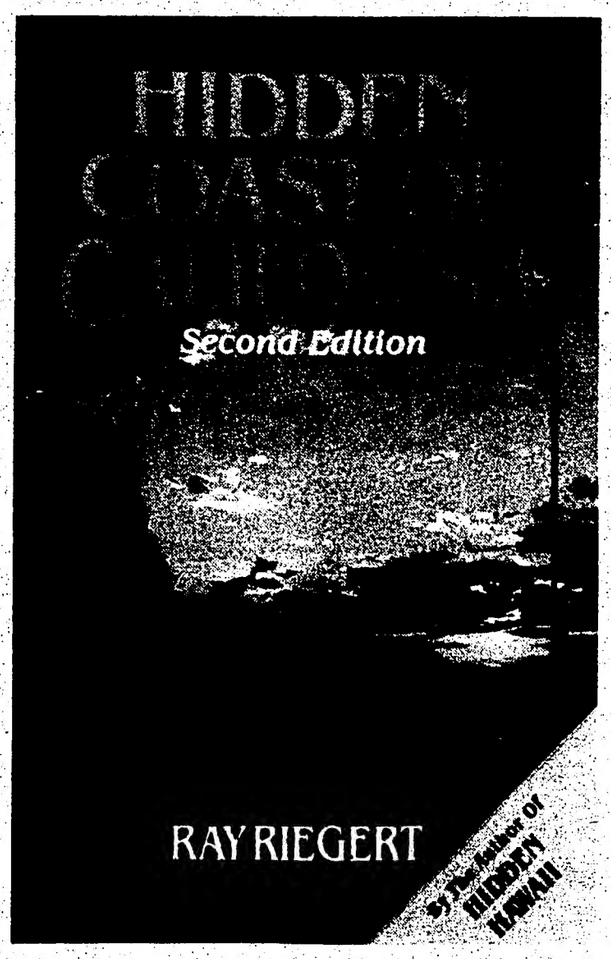

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Business Outlook

Real estate sales booming in Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — These are supposed to be tough times, with unemployment reportedly reaching the 10 per cent mark and economic growth at a standstill.

In the property sector, however, the only thing that is tough to do is keep up with the pace of price rises. The average price of a home shot up 16.6 per cent in the first six months of the year, compared with just a 12 per cent increase in the Consumer Price Index. A Bank Tefahot study found prices have risen 8 per cent in dollar terms in the last 12 months, even though there have been three devaluations.

Not surprisingly, demand is strong, even in the normally slow summer months. Official statistics on home sales aren't out yet, but the 10 biggest developers reported an 11 per cent increase in sales in July compared with June. And agents in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem say sales are running at a brisk pace. With the improved mortgage terms now being offered by banks the number of buyers is no doubt going to expand.

One reason for the run up, certainly, is the lure of real estate as an investment. The stock market has been sluggish, interest paid on bank deposits has fallen and foreign currency doesn't offer the kind of opportunities it did last year. That explains where much of the demand comes from.

A further factor is the much-talked-about wave of immigration from the Soviet Union, according to Tefahot's Menahem Naveh. The wave has yet to materialize but people are conscious of the fact that the building industry cannot provide enough new homes in time and this has served to keep expectations, hence prices, high.

Immigration is the crucial factor in the future direction of prices as well, Naveh says. If arrivals stay at current levels, then the market has probably peaked; if they increase, so will prices. Other experts are looking abroad for signs as well, but their eyes are turned towards markets in the West, where it is widely believed the property boom has run its course. If it has, Israel's boomlet will likely follow suit.

Employment woes feared will hit immigrants hardest

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — With Israel's unemployment rate at 9.5%, new immigrants are likely to find it much harder to get a job.

Out of the 10,120 new olim who arrived in the first seven months of the year, 1,100 have registered as unemployed, absorption ministry officials indicated. But the officials are confident the existing absorption system, in terms of helping new immigrants find work, is capable of holding its own during the recession.

Yulanda Strauss, head of the ministry's employment department, said that unless the aliya rate reaches about 40,000 a year, her department has the tools to help olim find work. These tools include providing training courses for professionals, whose skills have to be matched to Israeli standards, and retraining courses for those professionals who find little or no demand for their skills in Israel.

In some cases, the ministry even subsidizes the costs to the employer of hiring new immigrants by paying part or all of the immigrants' salaries for a six-month period. In return, the employer has to guarantee to continue employing the new immigrant after the first half-year is up.

In 1988, the ministry had a 70% success rate in finding work for the olim who requested help, Strauss noted. She added that her department was noticing a marked increase in the number of immigrants requesting help as the recession continues to bite.

A senior labor ministry official, however, warned that the severity of the recession, combining with an increasing number of skilled local workers looking for work, would make finding a job tough for the new immigrant. The official also criticized the practice of subsidizing new immigrants' labor costs, noting that this discriminated against other Israelis, who might then be tempted to take their search for a job overseas.

Jobless rate rises full point in 3 months

JERUSALEM (JTA) — With 150,000 Israelis out of work, the country's unemployment rate now stands at 9.5% compared with 6% a year ago, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics last week.

The number of unemployed has increased by 10,000 since the first quarter of the year, while the jobless rate rose a full point in three months, up from 8.5% in the second quarter.

This means that one of every 10 Israelis over age 15 is unemployed. For men, it is one out of 12 and for women, one out of nine.

Development towns have been hit the hardest. In Netivot, Or Akiva and Kfar Yona, the jobless rate has stabilized at 20%.

The outlook seems bleak countrywide. The number of work orders dropped from 19,200 in June to 18,500 in July.

But Moshe Ze'ev Feldman, the deputy minister in charge of the ministry of labor and welfare, is not worried.

He said the rise of unemployment was due to seasonal factors and the rate would fall once they passed.

Entrepreneur Shiff declares bankruptcy

TEL AVIV (JTA) — **The business career of Haim Shiff, who once owned the largest hotel chain in Israel, appears to be over as the controversial, 64-year-old entrepreneur was declared bankrupt by the Tel Aviv District Court last week.**

Jerusalem lawyer Uri Ganor, who was appointed receiver for Shiff's Jerusalem properties two years ago, was also named receiver for his interests countrywide.

The former chairman of the Jerusalem and national hotel associations, Shiff began selling off his assets five years ago after running into liquidity problems.

The bankruptcy order forbids him to engage in any financial transactions, including the use of a checkbook or bank credit card.

An early member of the Herut Party, Shiff was frequently in the news because of his disputes with a variety of authorities and with business rivals.

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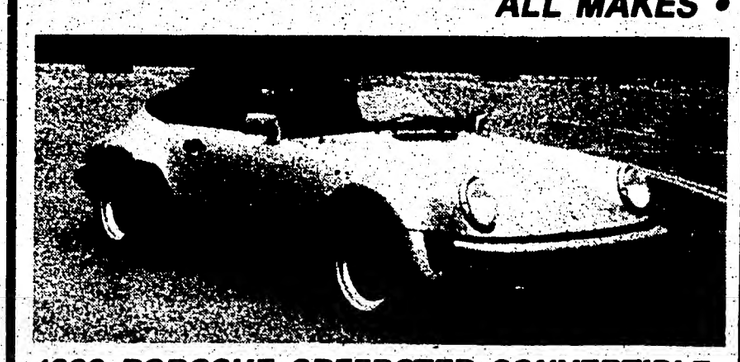
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Uses OBUS Forme concept

Chair series promotes good posture

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Two Canadian companies, Global Upholstery Co. Ltd. and OBUS Forme Ltd. have pooled their resources and expertise.

Today, 10 months later, they can't believe the response.

For example, although the product, a new line of ergonomic office seating, will not be available until later this month, the company is already swamped with orders, said director of communications Georgia Stormes. Specific figures have not yet been calculated to determine the exact number of orders.

The new seating series includes the Operator, the Tilter and the Seat. All have combined the OBUS Forme polycarbonate frames built into Global's contemporary concept.

Ergonomics is the practice of designing or adapting the work environment to cater to the characteristics of the people who work there.

This chair series promotes good posture and prevents slouching while sitting which can lead to fatigue and back pain. The design also incorporates an innovative mechanism that allows users to easily change chair positions. The tilting mechanism allows correct posture to be maintained to relieve lower back stress.

These chairs are carefully contoured and engineered for people whose work requires them to sit for long periods of time. Computer users will like the specially designed arms, which are anatomically shaped to provide comfortable support to the arms, wrists and hands.

Yet another feature that has made the seats popular is the recognition of individual design requirements of each office. Global has helped to provide customers with an assortment of contemporary chairs in designer fabric upholstery and colors.

OBUS Forme Ltd was launched in 1980 by Frank Roberts, a Toronto native. His own back problems forced him to look into what was previously an untapped market. Working with a team of rheumatologists and the research department of a chiropractic college and orthopedic surgeons, Roberts was able to mold the back rest to form a fixed support to hold the back muscles and spine rest.

Frank Roberts designed the OBUS Forme.

Global is one of North America's largest office furniture manufacturers The company was founded 23 years ago and began production in a small 3,500 square foot building. Today, Global's modern manufacturing facilities house state-of-the-art production lines, in-house designers, their distribution system and showroom area.

Ontario offers investors advice on pitfalls of buying a franchise

Investors can lose everything or gain fortunes in franchise deals, although such extremes are rare, Consumer Minister Bill Wrye sys.

"The potential for disaster is slim, but getting rich is no easier because franchise agreements can be very 1-sided in favor of the parent company," Wrye said. "To get the best deal and avoid scams that cause most of the horror stories, budding franchisees have to do a lot of leg work."

Many basic resources are available, including a brochure on franchising produced by the Ontario ministry of consumer and commercial relations (MCCR). The Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT) runs periodic 3-hour seminars across the province. Taped advice is offered by telephone through the Law Society of Upper Canada's Dial-A-Law system — numbers are in the phone book.

Attend franchise trade shows, scour the papers for opportunities and "wear out your library card" studying the industry, suggests Eric Tappenden of MCCR.

Once a short list of possible companies has emerged, contact some existing franchisees, he says.

"Who better to give you a close look at a particular franchise than somebody who is already running one," said Tappenden, head of business regulation for the ministry.

How does the picture painted by company sales staff compare with the real experiences of the franchisee? Are profits as projected? What problems have come up?

Tappenden says about 12% of franchisees responding to a ministry survey expressed "general dissatisfaction" with their business relationships.

Three issues of common concern are lack of support from the parent company, territorial disputes and the high cost of products franchisees are required to buy. Other complaints involve conditions for termination of franchise agreements and lack of accurate information prior to signing.

Agreements can be hundreds of pages long and are inevitably overflowing with complicated legal terms. It is vital to have contracts vetted by an experienced lawyer before signing, says the ministry representative.

"That's another thing existing franchisees can do — recommend a good lawyer," he said. "You may even want to hire a specialized accountant or business consultant to investigate the company's financial position, operating history and other areas of concern.

"It's money well spent, but only if you get trustworthy people who know what they're doing. So ask everyone you meet for recommendations and interview the candidates thoroughly before picking an advisor. It could be the single most important thing you do."

Annual sales by franchises in Canada total about $61 billion or approximately 40% of the retail market. Statistics released recently by industry observers reveal that, while 80% of independent businessees fail within the first six years, 80% of franchises succeed.

"You are buying a proven package," Tappenden said. "That's why so many franchises stay afloat while other businesses fail. A successful franchise system is not just a good product, well-known trade name, or efficient way of operating. It's a formula that generally covers all aspects including where, when, how and with whom to do business."

To maintain the company's good name — not to mention profits — franchises must be run according to formula, Tappenden explains. That means numerous restrictions, rules and controls are imposed. For franchisees expecting to "be their own bosses" this can be frustrating and disappointing, he says.

Most franchisees stand midway between independent business owners and salaried branch managers in terms of the freedom they have to control their operations. In general, the same comparison holds true for the amount of financial risk involved and the potential maximum returns.

"It makes sense when you think about it, but that doesn't mean you should fall in line without shopping around for the best deal or asking for changes to agreements you feel are unfair. Above all, do your homework, set realistic expectations and get good people at bat for you."

For an MCCR brochure, contact the Consumer Information Centre at 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont. M7A 2H6 — (416) 963-1111 or toll free at 1-800-268-1142. Ontario residents with an 807 area code may call the 416 number collect. The TTY/TDD line for the hearing/speech impaired is (416) 963-0808.

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Business Outlook

Life insurance business looks at aging society

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Society is changing. Today, we are discovering that grey is great and youth is uncouth.

This was the underlying theme of Ken Dychtwald's presentation to the members of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) conference that was held recently at the Metro Convention Centre.

The Round Table represents the leading 3% of the life insurance sales producers from around the globe.

"What is happening is, for the first time in history because of declines in mortality, the number and power of the elderly are rising faster than the rest of the population, twice as fast as the population at large.

"At the same time, since 1964, there's been a decline in fertility and birth rates in America ... the number and power of the young are actually declining," said the American author of the best seller Age Wave.

Another obvious reason for the change in society is the aging of the baby boomers. Dychtwald pointed out that in the years between 1946 and 1964, 76 million people were born in the U.S. alone.

"One third of the entire population mass of America were part of the same generational cohort. We were a child-focused nation .. but the boomers are getting older," he said.

"When you add up these events, the senior boom, the birth dearth and the aging of the baby boomers, you get a demographic change. You don't get an age quake. You don't get a boom. What you begin to get, at least from my point of view, is a complete shift in the culture. You get an age wave."

Not only is there a change in the demographic makeup and not only are there alterations in the way the later or middle years are perceived, but there is also a period of redefining — what is old, what is young, what is very old, and what are the qualities and capabilities we might achieve in life, Dychtwald said.

"We are also beginning to see the emergence of the mature marketplace. We are beginning to wake-up to the mature marketplace.

"We're used to measuring people's wealth by how much income they have each day or each year. But, I'd like to suggest to you that, in an aging culture, income becomes a non-reliable standard to measure financial power. Why? Separate from income, what do older people tend to have more of in comparison to young people? Assets.

"People over 55 account for 80% of all the money in savings and loans institutions in America. Eighty per cent of the luxury travel is purchased by people over 55. They have the time, they have the resources.

"It's an interesting challenge we have at this moment. This is a big story going on. An historic moment. We are shifting from being a youth-oriented culture to one in which the middle and later years of life are becoming the most dynamic and powerful and active.

"The challenge we have is what to make of those years. What we've done so well to this point is to find ways to add years to our lives. Perhaps the next major challenge is to see if we can make some sense of adding life to those years," he advised the group.

Dychtwald is an educator-entrepreneur who is making people sit up and take notice of the Age Wave that will change the way North Americans act today and plan for tomorrow.

His message to business leaders is "...the older citizen is living longer, has more money to spend — and if you're smart, you'll jump on the grey bandwagon."

Toronto was the last site of an MDRT annual meeting in 1930.

1990 rent guideline set at 4.6 per cent

TORONTO —

Rent review increases for 1990 have been set at 4.6 per cent, the provincial Ministry of Housing recently announced.

The rent review guideline has decreased from 5.2 per cent in 1987 and 4.7 per cent in 1988. It will remain at the same level as the 1989 increase.

The guideline is the amount a landlord may increase the legal rent for a unit each year without approval from the ministry of housing.

Under Ontario's rent review system, the guideline is calculated each year using a formula which takes into account the change in costs of operating a well-maintained building.

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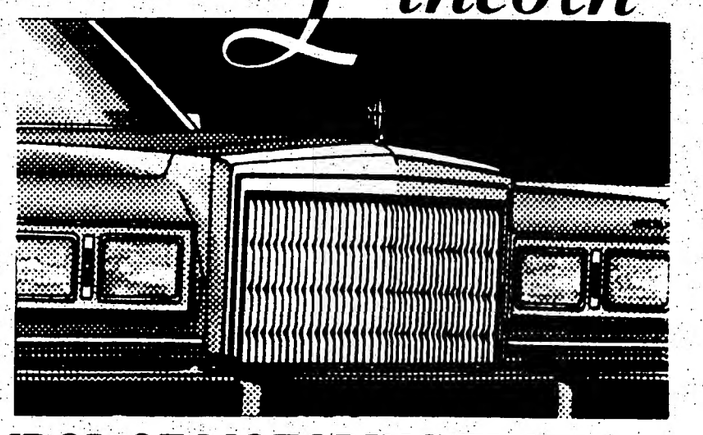

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3 bdrm. bung., sep. side ent. in North York, on 50x173 lot close to Bathurst - E. Witt, N. Colella, sales reps., 886-1200.

3-BDRM. LUXURY CONDO BATHURST-FINCH!!!
Inviting open plan - 3 bdrms. - 2 full baths - new kitchen - ceramics - mirrors - balcony - a must see!! Mildred Cappe, sales rep., 886-1200.

KOSHER BAKERY EXC. LOCATION
Steady clientele, 13K weekly sales. W. Silverstein, sales rep., 886-1200.

1 Houses For Sale

ALAN UNGERMAN
REALTY LIMITED REALTOR

731-7111

BAYVIEW-LAURELEAF — LOT 125'x125'
Magnificent 4+ bdrm. on exquisite landscaped lot. Lg. kitch., w/o to pool, this plus more for only $829,000. Judy Tennen, 731-7111.

BAYVIEW-WILLOWBROOK — INSTANT LIVING
Fantastic 4 bdrm. beauty, mn. flr. laundry, fin. bsmt. with 2 bdrms. Gorgeous landscaped lot. $439,000. Perry Waisglass 731-7111.

BAYVIEW-JOHN — 50'x150' LOT
Fabulous 3+ 1 bdrm. backsplit, fam. rm. + fin. open concept rec rm. Many upgrades. $419,900. Steve/Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

GREENLANE-WILLOWBROOK — HAVE A LOOK!
Lovely well kept 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., sunken liv. rm., dble. gar., fin. bsmnt. $349,900. Perry Waisglass, 731-7111.

STEELES-LESLIE — EXECUTIVE TOWNHOME
A rare find! Lg. 4 bdrm., backing onto ravine, 5 appls., move-in cond., super value. $289,900. Andy Reti, 731-7111.

BATHURST-LAWRENCE — BUILDER'S OPPORTUNITY!
2 bd. bungalow, on 50'x103' lot, steps to TTC, shopping, shuls. Motivated vendors! Great investment! Perry Waisglass, 731-7111.

BATHURST-PROMENADE — UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Brand new, lg. exec 5 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., library, hdwd., premium lot, $$ in upgrades. Oct. poss. Mike James, 731-7111.

ATKINSON-CENTRE — DREAM AWAY!
Designer decorated 4-5 bdrm., mn. flr. laundry & fam., appls., extras galore! Lg. principal rms., $459,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND!
This 4 bdrm. mn. flr. den, fam. rm., fin. bsmnt. nanny's qtrs. + sauna. Extras, landscaped. $449,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — JUST PLAIN STUNNING!
Elegant 4 bdrm., mn. flr. library & fam., fin. lower level, finest of finishings, on quiet cres. Loaded! $459,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-PROMENADE — DREAM NO MORE!
Immaculate 3,000 sq. ft., mn. flr. fam. & den, lg. principal rms., loads of extras! Near all amenities, Susan Kruger, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — "HOMES & GARDENS"
Reduced! Exquisite 4 bdrm., gourmet kitch., appls., air, security, super street, value! $389,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

WALK TO BETH AVRAHAM YAAKOV
Spacious open concept immaculate 4 bdrm., sunken liv. rm., near all amenities. $399,000. Mike James, 731-7111.

BATHURST-PROMENADE — QUIET COURT
Immaculate 4 bdrm., open style kitch., overlooking fam. rm., lg. principal rms., upgrades throughout. $387,500. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CLARK — BETTER TAKE A LOOK!
Spotless 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., grey/white tones, quiet cres. Walk to shul, value at $329,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — GREAT BEGINNINGS!
Just listed! 3 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., on premium lot. Quiet cres., immaculate! Near all amenities. Value at $269,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CENTRE — A REAL EYE-OPENER!
Price slashed. A beautiful 3 bdrm. super fam. rm. Hollywood kitch, main fl. laundry, grey & white decor. Gabby Goldring, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — CHOICE BUY!
Lovely 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., ceramics, hdwd., air, appls., central vac, near all amenities. $309,000. Paula Bernstein, 731-7111.

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Israel Shapiro
Sales Representative

HOUSE OF THE MONTH
BAYVIEW & HOLMES
Castle like home 3 car garage 5 bedrooms 4,700 sq ft of urban estate. Built by Fifeshire for only $1,095,000.

WILLOWDALE/NORTH YORK
BATHURST & STEELES
Semi $299,900.00 Rentable basement with a very good income. Available immediately or long closing.

THORNHILL
For rent 2,500 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 5 appl. C.A.C. Imd. 1,750, 1,950 brand new, walking to synagogue and Promenade.

COTTAGE LAND
30 acres in Minden, Haliburton for only $49,000.00 Available immediately, fantastic view of Gull Lake and Gull River off Highway 35. Must sell.

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WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO 222-8600

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CENTRAL PROPERTIES

FOREST HILL! EXCL!
Desirable quiet stl Stone facade on 60' frontage. Gracious principal rms. Dream ens. Large kit. Brkfst rm. w/o to pool! Dble Grge. Cathy Kwinter 488-2875.

271 VIEWMOUNT AVE. $1,275,000
An exceptional home not to be equalled! Custom designed & built, backing on to Viewmount Park & tennis courts. Judy Goldman 488-2875.

NEW 5 BDRM ON VIEWMOUNT!!
A classic home by Master builder on 50 x 139 lot. Quality finishes thruout. Choose your finishes. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

SPECTACULAR RENOVATION IN . . .
Brown School area. Lots of marble. Easy flow for entertaining. Large library with frpl. Mstr ensuite & balcony. David Wagman 488-2875.

1ST AD! SHELBOURNE AVE!
New house to be built. Solid Stone construction. 3,700 sq ft. 5 bdrms., den, library, work with the builder to create your dream home. $995,000. See with David Wagman 488-2875.

UPPER VILLAGE GEORGIAN
Centre hall. Sun-filled kitchen. Main floor family rm & laundry. 4 bdrms. (including a master suite). $975,000. David Wagman 488-2875.

HAVERGAL AREA 55 x 191 LOT
Architectural digest! Totally renovated! Exceptional flow throughout. Country setting overlooking park. $949,000. Celine Joel 488-2875.

1ST AD! FOREST HILL
Very spacious foyer leads to oversized principal rms. New oak kitchen. 4 bdrms with loads of closets. Sparkling pool! Maid's rm. Priced to sell. $939,000. Celine Joel 488-2875.

1ST AD! SHELBOURNE AVE!
New house under construction! Solid stone. 3,350 sq ft. 5 bdrms., 3 baths, den & family rm on main. $925,000. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

CHOICE GLEN PARK AVE! $909,000
The prettiest new home! 5 bdrms, lndry on 2ns. Mn flr. fam rm. & lib. Architecturally unique. Judy Goldman 488-2875.

NEW HOME ON CASTLEFIELD
$899,000. Outstanding design and quality. Construction are the main features of this 3,500 sq ft home. Winter poss. R. Diamond 488-2875.

TAKE A CHANCE . . .
Fall in love with this enchanting Forest Hill home. All the features you've been looking for! House & Gardens! $879,000. Celine Joel 488-2875.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART!
Totally renovated centre hall. Open kitchen & family rm. 4 bdrms, 3 baths. Inground pool & whirlpool. $865,000. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

ROSEDALE DUPLEX EXCLUSIVE
$790,000 of spacious charm, has 2-3 bdrm units with potential of 1 family. 2 friends own & rent or add on. Suit DR. B. Thomson 488-2875.

YORK DOWNS BATHURST
New home! 3,500 sq ft, 4/5 bdrms. Custom built. 50' south lot. Plans available. Spring poss. $749,500. Allen Tobe 488-2875.

INCREDIBLE VALUE FOREST HILL
$675,000 4 bdrms. Smashing kitchen. Fin. lower level. Help's quarters. Totally renovated. Deep lot. David Wagman 488-2875.

OUTSTANDING VALUE! $669,000
On a prime block, east of Bathurst & North of Glencairn, this renovated 4 bdrm home features Huge rms. Gorgeous. Celine Joel 488-2875.

BEST VALUE REDUCED FURTHER!
Superb modern Forest Hill lux 4 bdrm. 10' ceilings. Eat-in kit. esn., skylights, marble entrance. $629,000. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

105 LATIMER MUST SELL!
Reduced to $559,000. Bring an Offer! Gorgeous new 3 bdrm. Marble ens. Pwdr rm, 14 ft ceilings. X-large kit. Make a Deal! Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

REDUCED $579,000 48 GORMLEY
Nr UCC, Avenue Rd/St Clair. 5 bdrm, private dri, grge, deck & peaceful grdn. 2 frpl, 3 baths. Hdwd flrs., det. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

EASY LIVING NR YORKVILLE
Prime annex original freehold semi townhome. Better address than Castle Hill with superb. V.T.B. Only $579,000. Details J. R. Thomson 488-2875.

1ST TIME BUYER TAKE HEED!
$559,000. Updated. 3 bdrms. Main floor family rm. New kitchen & baths. Immed. Poss. Central locale. David Wagman 488-2875.

1ST AD! SPECIAL ALLENBY TUDOR!
$549,000. One of the Prettiest ... on the street. Space age kitchen, bleached hdwd flrs ... decor. Won't last! Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.
SOLD

PRIME CEDARVALE $439,000
Delightful 3 bdrm home on choice street. Spacious Living & Dining rms. Sep. breakfast rm., deep lot. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

1ST AD! CEDARVALE
A very charming home on a deep south lot! New white kitchen. Gleaming oak floors. Self-contained newly done bsmt. Celine Joel 488-2875.

REDUCED TO $399,000 — 29 THELMA
3+1 bdrm semi, renov. 2 car pkg. F. Air gas. Brdlm. appls. incl. Lower village, quiet cul-de-sac. S. Exp., grdn. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

BLOOR & BATHURST $325,000
Mint condition. Ideal for 2 families, walk to TTC & shopping. Excellent value. Jim Maguire/Donna Weiser 226-1987.

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NORTH PROPERTIES

IMPECCABLE BAYVIEW MANSION
2½ acres of plush landscaping. Solid stone. Slate roof. 7,800 sq ft. Grand scale rooms throughout. Pool. Cabana. Tennis court. Offered for sale at $6,300,000. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY
Bayview/York Mills. Contemporary design. (12') ceilings, skylights. Wonderful walls for your art collection. Award winning garden & pool design. $2,850,000. David Wagman 488-2875.

BRIDLE PATH AREA/REDUCED!
Huge 4 bdrm, 4 principal rm bungalow on lush 170' frontage. Most desirable location! Now only $2,495,000. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

CUSTOM QUALITY HOMES
Bayview/Steeles. Magnificent 5,300-6,500 sq ft. Huge lots. Hand crafted finishings. $2,000,000. For details call Kathryn Arviv 488-2875.

HOVERIC HOMES PRESENTS!!
Bayview/York Mills — New 5,500 sq. ft. home to be built on mag. lot. 5 bdrms! 7 baths! Salvarini kit! Fin. lower level! 3 car garage! Ann Kamin 226-1987.

"HEDGEWOOD" 100 FT. FRONTAGE
$1,895,000. Bayview/York Mills. A rare find, overlooking a sensational view in this secluded location. Sharon Bobkin/Janie Lerner 226-1987.

LUXURY AWAITS ON GORDON!!
Bayview/York Mills — New 5 bdrm! 7 bath! Salvarini kit! Fin. lower level! Skylights! Marble! Oak! Quality design & workmanship! Ann Kamin 226-1987.

BAYVIEW/16TH — LOWER VILLAGE
5 bdrms., 5 baths, marble hall & foyer, 2 skylights, bleached kit., surrounded by million $ homes. $699,000. Jim Maguire/Donna Weiser 226-1987.

LESLIE/SHEPPARD $699,000
Custom built on priv. cul-de-sac. Huge foyer, nanny's rm., fin. lower level. Better than model. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

ESTATE SALE PRICE SLASHED!
Spacious 3 bdrm bungalow on quiet crescent. North "Y" location. Main flr library. Fin. lower level. $539,000. David Wagman 488-2875.

BATHURST/CENTRE NEW HOMES
2 new homes built by Greenpark. 4 & 5 bdrms., 4 baths, hrwd. flrs. Close to Promenade shopping. Ann Kamin 226-1987.

BAYVIEW/HWY #7 $529,900
Decorated like model! Gourmet kit., fam. rm. & lib., huge foyer. Thousands spent on upgrades. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

YONGE/SHEPPARD $385,000
Det. brick bung. w/self contained apt. & side door. Hollywood kit., large rms., excellent location. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

BAYVIEW & #7 MOTIVATED
VENDOR! Ready for immed. occupancy, this spacious sunny offers much for the discriminating buyer. Like new! Celine Joel 488-2875.

BATHURST/DREWRY
70' frontage on Drewry. Can be severed. Only $395,000. Curious? Call Allen Tobe 488-2875.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS REDUCED!
Executive 3 bdrm townhouse. Huge fam rm, 2 walk outs, stunning reno. Ensuite, Eat-in kit. $369,900. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

CONDOS

FASHIONABLE ANNEX CONDO
Very spacious 2 bdrm, 2½ bath. 4 balconies, with S. view, marble, granite, mirror, valet pkg. 24hr security. S. Slater/R. Roebuck 488-2875.

BATHURST/FINCH
$225,000. Buys you this 2 bdrm., 2 full bath, 6 months new condo in most sought after area w/ all the amenities. Fran London 226-1987.

SHEPPARD/BAYVIEW $217,500
Lux. 2 bdrm. condo. Excel. complex. Like model, 5 appls., CAC, upgrades, ens. laundry. Jim Maguire/Donna Weiser 226-1987.

RENTALS

"SAVOY" FINCH & BATHURST
Approx. 1,200 sq. ft. to rent. Immed. poss., 10th flr., 2 bdrms., 2 baths + balcony. Excellent spa & facilities. Pearl Grossman 226-1987.

3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

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326 Lonsdale Road	386 Sheppard Ave. East	404 Steeles Ave. W.
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1X4	Willowdale, Ont. M2N 3B7	Thornhill, Ont. L4J 6X3
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ARCHITECTURALLY DESIGNED NEW HOME

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP
Located near Bathurst & Glencairn in a mature family neighbourhood near schools, parks, shopping & T.T.C. This wonderfully spacious home features 4,200 sq. ft. Large master bdrm., library, den, fam. rm., kitchen with greenhouse, w/o from bsmnt. Double car garage. You still have time to choose broadloom, kitchen design, ceramics etc.

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HEARTHSTONE CR. ON RAVINE!
$1,050,000 — New home of finest construction + craftsmanship. 4,450 s.f. on exclusive cres., w/up bsmt to ultra priv. lot. D. Ruscica 488-4488.

UNIQUE HOME — ST. ANDREWS $695K
Choice location, close to schools, shops, trans, 4 bedroom, open concept with several walk-outs. Inground pool, badminton court. Finished lower level. 4 baths. F. Novack/M. Noar 441-2888.

BATHURST/STEELES — FABULOUS HOME $509K
Exquisite 4 bdrm, fam. rm. + den! New designer white kit with skylight & w/o. Over 3,000 s.f. J. Zinman 441-2888.

BAYVIEW NORTH OF STEELES $419K
Exceptional 4 bdrm family home. Main fl. powder rm - family rm - laundry rm. 4 baths. C/A, C/VAC. Private fenced garden. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

1ST AD — TRIPLEX — 2 GARAGES
$410,000 — Two 3 bdrm + one 1 bdrm unit. Bathurst/Wilson location. Suitable for two families plus income. Call Simone Stern 441-2888.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS TOWNHOME
Rare opportunity to live amongst million dollar homes. 3 sizeable bdrms. Large eat-in kitchen. Fin. lower level w/walk-out, balcony off dr, mint condition $339K. F. Novack/M. Noar now! 441-2888.

FIRST AD! LOCATION, LOCATION!
$299K — Bayview/Davisville. Renovated 3 bdrm, eat-in kit, cent. air, fireplace + more. Immaculate home ready to move-in. C. Kalles 488-4488.

1ST AD — BATHURST/STEELES!
$299,000 — Fabulous starter! This home has everything ... huge eat-in kit, 3 bdrms, 3 baths, cent. air & vac, skylight & more. Won't last! Corinne Kalles 488-4488.

PRESTIGIOUS POST ROAD
$5,500,000 — The ultimate in luxurious living for the very discriminating. Fabulous granite rotunda with mirrored dome, state of the art kitchen, master with two ensuites, fireplace and walk-out, tennis court. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

HYDE PARK CIRCLE — ONE ACRE
$3,880,000 — This classic home was designed for the person who expects the quality of life to be reflected in his lifestyle. Fabulous landscaped wooded grounds - pool - tennis courts. To view this very special home call Elise Kalles 488-4488.

THE BRIDLE PATH
$3,880,000 — Build your dream home on 2 secluded acres in one of the most prestigious locations in Canada. A rural setting only 20 minutes from downtown. To view call Elise Kalles 488-4488.

MISTY CRESCENT — UNIQUE
A very special home designed for entertaining and optimal family living. Fabulous indoor and outdoor pools offering year round swimming. Spacious and elegant principal rooms of perfect proportion. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

RAVINE VALLEY VIEW $2,750K
Spectacular property "Bayview Ridge!" 107 x 500' 5 br, Georgian. Spacious principal rooms, formal, elegant & bright. Views not to be believed. Call Michele Noar/Hedy Feher 441-2888.

SPLENDID MANSION — FIFESHIRE
$2,250,000 — Privately set on one acre of magnificently manicured gardens - pool - reminiscent of a home in the South of France. Custom built with the finest materials by the present owner. To view call Elise Kalles 488-4488.

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EDWARDS GARDENS — CUSTOM BUILT $1.85K
When you only have time to view the best . . . 5,000 sq. ft. of luxury in prestigious area! Must see to appreciate! C. Kalles/C. Graff 488-4488.

ST. ANDREWS/OWEN — NEW — $1.595K
Brand new home - still chance to choose your finishings! Two storey living room, main flr. library panelled + family rm. Designer kit, walk-out bsmt. finished. F. Novack/M. Noar to view 441-2888.

JUST LISTED LESLIE/YK. MILLS
1/3 Acre 4 yr. home! On ctl Fab! 5 br. Huge kit. w/greenhs, fam + sol & lib! Fin. w/o bsmt, maid's qtrs + sauna. Fine home in super cond. Prof. landsc. Elegant marble ent. Fully eq. kit. Much sought after prime lot & location. $1.480K. Michele Noar/Frances Novack 441-2888.

NEW HOME ON ½ ACRE TREED LOT
Renaissance Ct./Bathurst/Atkinson over 6,200 s.f. of quality + spectacular design in most desirable loc. This is the home of your dreams! D. Ruscica/A. Taylor 488-4488.

"ONE OF A KIND" — RAVINE
$3,950,000 — Alexandra Wood. A spectacular setting in the heart of the city. Lavishly landscaped grounds, pool and cabana. Magnificent stone Tudor residence built for the discriminating with the utmost quality. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

NOW $895K ON SHALLMAR BLVD.
Lovely 4 large bdrms, 4 baths, upper village home on pool size lot. Mn. fl. den & powder rm. Priced to sell! B. Jacobs/G. Kerbel 488-4488.

CEDARVALE, PRICED TO SELL
Steps to Glencedar Park. Exceptional lot: 60 ft. frontage. Large entrance leads to L-shaped liv. & din. rm. Large family size kit. 4 bdrms, 4 bathrms. Finished bsmt. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

CEDARVALE "COUNTRY SETTING"
Now $698K. Prime lot, w/o bsmt. 2 storey C.H. 3 bdrms, main floor powder rm., outstanding family rm. w/o screened balcony. Finished lower level, w/o to sun. rm. & garden. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

BROOKDALE/BATHURST/AVENUE RD.
$349,000 — 5 rm. bungalow, handyman's delight! Garage, corner lot 41.9 x 115, finished bsmt, in-law apt., C/A. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

RENTAL BATHURST SO. OF LAWRENCE
Close to Caribou Park. $2,500 per mo. Exec. 4 bdrm sidesplit, 4 baths, family rm, exceptional rec. rm. Steps to all amenities. G. Kerbel 488-4488.

CONDOS

SKYMARK CONDO! $690,000
Extraordinary 2 br. + den, 2,534 sq. ft. Beautifully upgraded, built-ins. Locale, quality + amenities add up to a combination without compromise. D. Ruscica 488-4488/N. Fruitman 441-2888.

BAYVIEW/SHEPPARD CONDO $549K
Spacious 2 bdrm penthouse over 2,000 sq. ft. of luxury living, 500 sq. ft. open terrace, 3 ens. baths + Jacuzzi in master. 2 parking spaces. To view call Natalie Kopman/Olga Schrage 441-2888.

WALMER RD. "HEATHSIDE PLACE"
Lux condo, 2 bdrms, 2 baths. Jacuzzi. 24 hr. concierge. Indoor pool. Prkg. Open to offers. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

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CEDARVALE ESTATE SALE
TONIGHT 5-7
$785K — 48 AVENAL DR. 4 Bedroom centre hall on super street. Main floor den with walkout to large garden. 4 baths, steps to park. Large VTB. Bruce Smith 785-7019.

CEDARVALE
LAST FALL'S PRICE
Only $399K — Very spacious 3 bdrm. near park. Exceptional living & dining rm with marble f/p, dark stain floors, huge master with 2 pc. ensuite, deck, private drive. Bruce Smith 785-7019.

CEDARVALE
ITS ALL DONE
Absolutely best 4 bdrm value in area. Design kitchen with walkout to double deck, 3 new baths includes ensuite + custom closets, f/p. Cac, new mechanics. Bruce Smith 785-7019.

ST. CLAIR - BATHURST
TONIGHT 4-6
$399K — 20 PINEWOOD AVE. Are you serious? Vendors have vacated this 3 storey 5 + 1 bdrm, main floor famrm & laundry, 2 marble f/ps, deck, cac, finished bsmt. Bruce Smith 785-7109.

1ST. AD — PRIME RIVERDALE
STEPS TO PARK
$459,000 — Elegant & spacious 3 storey in convenient location. 5 bdrms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces + large eat-in kit. S. lot. Coreen Morrison 785-7019.

YONGE/ST. CLAIR
PRICE, LOCATION, TERMS
$729K — All the right ingredients for fantastic deal. Original Kellner/Jourdan reno, 3 storey, with main floor family room + library & finished bsmt. 4 Baths, private drive. **$450,000 VTB** For sale or lease. Janette Hatcher 785-7019.

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Realtor

ROYAL LEPAGE
It's you that counts the most.

***EXECUTIVE HOME! SPACIOUS! BAYVIEW/STEELES**
$559,000 4 large bdrms, 2 ensuites (5 baths), Jacuzzi + sauna in master! Updated! Hardwood, new gourmet kitchen, new windows. Quality! Carole Goodis 221-5515.

ARMOUR HEIGHTS — 4 BEDROOMS
Reduced to $574,900.00. Centre hall updated family home, one block east of Bathurst St. Main floor den, and bath. W/O landscaped 130 ft. lot. Side door to lower level, with 2 rooms, bath, laundry cedar closet, kitchen. Hardwood floors, central air. Kathy Kolber, Sales Representative 487-7101.

BAYVIEW & YORK MILLS
$879,000 Elegant 4 bdrm, 4 bath, family room & den on main floor, double garage, fin. bsmt., close to synagogue. Jean Kopman*635-1170.

SHEPPARD-BATHURST *LOW PRICE!
$347,000 60 ft. lot, fin. bsmt., updated home. White ceramics, pantry in eat-in kitchen. Rent, live or both. Build your dream. Call Jeff Walters*635-1170 or 464-7656.

1ST AD. SUPER CORNER LOT!
$419,900 Walk to Clanton Park + Beth David Synagogues. 50 x 150. Call W. Cooper 221-5515.

1ST AD. 72 BANNOCKBURN
$339,900. Super Updated Bungalow on Premium Lot. Call Before it's Going! W. Cooper 221-5515.

FINCH/BATHURST — LUXURY CONDO
$239,000 1,200 sq. ft., 2 full baths, pool, tennis, gym, billiards, 24 hr. sec., west exp., transportation at door, central air conditioning. P. Stransky or V. Castelli 635-1170.

Canada Trust/Realtor
The Canada Trust Company

HOT, HOT LOCATION!
$899,000 Modern and traditional blend in this spacious 2 sty. centre hall plan. Builder is ready to finish to taste. Many extras included. Don't let it pass you by. Call Roderick D. Cummings at 785-1136 to view.

BATHURST GLENCAIRN —
$379,000 to $529,000 — Choice of corner lot 33x135 - 50x135 — build your dream home. These lots are close to synagogue, school, shop. Call for more information D. Abraham 783-3333.

BATHURST-FINCH
$323,000 Absolutely stunning, 3 bdrm, 2-4pc, fully upgraded, ceramic, eat-in kit, washroom, mir. walls, parquet, huge wrap around corner balc, big master bdrm & foyer. Thousands in extras. I. Teytelbaum 223-2110.

BATHURST-FINCH — CONDO —
$219,000, 2 bedroom + solarium or den, luxury unit, fabulous view, 2 full baths. D. Abraham 783-3333.

CONDO — CONDO — CONDO!
$159,900 — From - Glencairn Subway - 360 Ridelle - one, two, three bdrm, pool, sauna, parking, security - 155 Marlee - choice of two & three bdrm, shabat elev. Pool, laund. ensuite. D. Abraham 783-3333.

SHEPPARD & WILMINGTON
$1,350/mo. Attractive 3 bdrm bungalow, has separate entrance to finished bsmt, hardwood flrs + new ceramics thru-out! Walk to TTC, schools & shops. Call Annette Magled at 485-7611.

ALAN NEWTON
REAL ESTATE LTD. REALTOR

ATKINSON-CENTRE OUTSTANDING $899,000
Rare 60 x 140 lot, approximately 4,400 sq. ft, 5 bdrms, extras everywhere, walk to shul. Betty Goldkind 764-7200.

FRANKLIN-SPRING GATE "WALK TO SHUL"
$894,900. Custom decorators showplace, quiet court, approximately 4,000 sq. ft, stunning extras! Al Sidofsky 764-7200.

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$739,000. Custom built 5 bdrm, 4,100 sq. ft, 9 ft. ceilings, fully upgraded, steps to synagogue. Al Sidofsky 764-7200.

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1st ad! Quiet crescent, 5 bdrm, approximately 3,000 sq. ft, 2 fireplaces, hardwood flrs, more. Al Sidofsky 764-7200.

HILDA-STEELES SHOWPLACE! $379,900
4 bdrms, white & grey decor, custom mirrors & window covering, skylight, must be seen! Maxine Povering 764-7200.

BAYVIEW-WILLOWBROOK REDUCED!
Only $364,900. 50' frontage, 4 bdrm, main family & laundry rms, fireplace, skylight, many extras, owner transferred. B. Goldkind 764-7200.

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Now only $229,900, unique 3 bdrm, upgrades, s/e exposure. Al Sidofsky 764-7200.

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Nice starter/Retirement. 2 bdr. brick home, renovated kitch., partial fin. bsmnt., south expos., garden, demand area. Only $319,000. June Gordon or Edith Gottdank, Homelife/Heritage Group Ltd., 764-7111.

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BATHURST-FISHERVILLE
3,200 sq. ft., super 5-bdrm. 2-stry. home, open stairs to bsmt., in-law or maid's qtrs., sep. entrance, appliances, air. 2-car gar.

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Sparkling 4-bdrm. bkspl., air cond., appl., 2-car gar. Steps to all amenities.

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Fabulous 3 bedrooms. All brick detached. Master ensuite. Double garage. Close to the Promenade, schools & synagogues. Shows to perfection. $348,888.

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Well established area. 4 bedroom backsplit. Pool size lot with double garage. Hardwood floor throughout. Close to all amenities. $389,000.
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1 Houses For Sale

MISTER REAL ESTATE INC

NORTH/CENTRAL OVER $1,000,000

BAYVIEW YORK MILLS
Carlton custom crafted luxury new residence nearing completion on 121' frontage south lot. Approx. 5,700 sq. ft. plus fully finished lower level. $2,800,000 *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

SHANE BAGHAI MASTERPIECE — FAIRFIELD PLACE
$1,688,000. Last stately new home on prestigious cul-de-sac. Marble floors throughout vestibule, living room and dining room, Salvarani kitchen, custom finished lower level with walk-out to private garden. *Eileen Richman/**Elizabeth Ching 449-0090.

CUSTOM BUILT
One of the finest streets. 3 storey, foyer, 5 bdrms, finished lower level, walk-up. Private backyard with pool. *Heike Motahedin 449-0090.

2 PRESCOTT COURT, BAYVIEW/STEELES
Pride of ownership! $1,788,000 5 bdrm, outstanding residence, main family room and library. Finished walk-out lower level to lovely garden. *Eileen Richman 449-0090.

OLD YONGE & YORK MILLS $1,549,000
Unique opportunity to move into a new Shane Baghai creation by September. Beautifully appointed; completely finished lower level with walk-up to lovely garden with mature trees. *Eileen Richman 449-0090.

EXCITING YORK MILLS/BAYVIEW $1,095,000
Fabulous unique builder's home on demand street. Large principal rooms, 10' ceilings, main floor family room and library, walk-out to secluded garden. Close to French Immersion school, shopping and much more. *Janine Pitch 223-5100.

PRESTIGIOUS ARJAY CRESCENT (POST RD/BAYVIEW)
Near completion 7,850 sq. ft. of luxury living space, 4-6 bdrms, 9 baths, sauna, maid's quarters, oak library and much more. $2,295,000 *Eileen Richman 449-0090.

FUTURE HISTORIC HOMES — BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME
Secluded Sunnydene Cresc. minutes from the heart of the city. Existing permitted plans feature 6,700 sq. ft. of luxury living. *Eileen Richman 449-0090.

BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS/FOREST HEIGHTS
$2,550,000 Magnificent SHOHREH quality — 121' frontage, south lot. Approx. 6,000 sq. ft. and fabulous lower level. *Eileen Richman/*Carolyn Feldman 449-0090.

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***BATHURST & DREWRY**
62'x162' building lot + income. Vendor bought firm Must sell! Judit Engel 226-9770.

***STEELES & BATHURST**
2 bdrm condo. South exposure. $249,900 Judit Engel 226-9770.

***CHABAD GATE**
$310,000 2 storey 3 bdrms, close to all amenities. Call Yonah Prezes 226-9770.

***CONSERVATORY**
2 bdrms, 2 baths, solarium and balcony. White kitchen. Tandum parking. Stephen Bloom 226-9770.

***FINCH-WILMINGTON**
3 bdrm home, 2 bdrm bsmt. apt. Beautiful landscaped lot. Dalia Zadu 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
2 bdrm bright, spacious apt. Balcony and solarium. Adela Gertner 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
7 rooms, 4 bdrm townhouse. Great location! Clean large rooms - motivated vendor Ray Green 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
Won't last! 2,200 sq. ft. Fireplace, super kitchen. 5 appliances. 3 baths. Luxury complex. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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$494,900 Custom designed. Library, family room, ultra kitchen. Park view. Thousands in upgrades. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***BAYVIEW & 16TH**
Best buy $429,000 Large 4 bdrm. Library. Family room, fireplace, huge kitchen. Many extras. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

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Lovingly built for Builder's Daughter. Spacious 4 Bdrm. + Den, Fam. Room, 1st Flr. Laundry, 5 Baths +++ Lg. Basement In-Law suite. Call Bernard Schulman 489-7979 Benny Landman Real Estate Ltd.

BATHURST-WILSON 1ST ADI
$339,900. 4 bd 2-storey. Main fl Fam rm. Firepl. Fin bsmt w/bar. Pool. South backyard. A Gem. Easy terms. M. Konsker Homelife/Rlty Ent Ltd Rltr 633-7777.

1 Houses For Sale

MISTER REAL ESTATE INC

NORTH/CENTRAL

GREENLANE RAVINE CUL-DE-SAC
Huge 4 bdrm, deluxe kitchen, main library. Elegant and spacious floor plan featuring hardwood floors, central air, etc., $598,000. Step to everything. *Heather Sherman 223-5100.

HURRY FAST — WON'T LAST! BATHURST/STEELES
$339,000 4 bdrm, central air, family rm, 2 fireplaces, huge 2 level deck, hollywood kitchen. *Becky Wener 224-2800.

WOODLAND ACRES CUSTOM HOME ON ONE ACRE + LOT
Triple garage, finished bsmt, sauna, 4 bdrms, 5 baths, 2 fireplaces, modern white kitchen. Fabulous buy at $895,000. *Gayle Friendly 223-5100.

BAYVIEW-JOHN FABULOUS LOCATION! FABULOUS BUY!
Pool size lot, 4 bdrm., huge living/dining rooms, 2 ensuites, central air. *Becky Wener 224-2800.

A "REAL" LUXURY TOWNHOUSE "BAYVIEW"
$325,000 — 2 stry, spacious townhome. Prestigious location, move-in condition. Extras+++ *Eleanor London 223-5100.

BUILD YOUR OWN CASTLE
Steeles/Bayview. Excellent lot 50' x 128'. 4,000 sq. ft. residence plan/permits ready to go. Land only $438,000 or will build for you at $939,000. *Heather Sherman 223-5100.

GREAT LAND AT A GREAT PRICE!
Don't let this one go!! Approx. 11,000 sq. ft. of coverage. Build your dreams into reality. *Becky Wener 224-2800.

SKYMARK, THE CLASSIC DON MILLS & FINCH
1st ad upgraded & spacious suite. 2 bdrms, 1st class building. $425,000. *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

GREENPARK AT BATHURST/CENTRE $439,000
4 bdrm, family rm, huge prime lot, fabulous kit, over 2,700 sq. ft. Vendor says sell! *Becky Wener 224-2800.

BAYVIEW/SHEPPARD BARABCO QUALITY BUILDERS
Presents this 5 bdrm, 2 stry residence on 50' x 150' south lot. Superior finishings. $829,000. *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

YONGE/STEELES 5 LEVEL BACKSPLIT
3+1 bdrm, 4 baths, finished bsmt, fireplace, sauna, extras, child-safe court, prime area! *Shelly Halpern 224-2800.

JUST LISTED — FABULOUS SEMI AT BATHURST/FINCH
3 bdrm, finished bsmt, main floor family rm, fireplace, walk-out eat-in kitchen, price to sell at $268,888. Excellent financing. *Gayle Friendly 223-5100.

BATHURST/STEELES/GREENPARK HOME 2,712 SQ. FT.
4 bdrms, 3 baths, huge foyer, oversized kit, family room, upgraded throughout, motivated vendors. *Marlon Green 224-2800.

BATHURST/STEELES/NORTH YORK. PICK ONE!
4 bdrm. backsplit, family room, 3 bdrm townhouse, 3 baths, Bathurst/Clark 4 bdrm plus finished bsmt. *Helen Winer 223-5100.

BATHURST/DREWRY 4,000 SQ. FT. CUSTOM BUILT
4 bdrms, 4 baths, whirlpool, skylights, top quality spent in extras. *Shelly Halpern 224-2800.

TWO HOMES IN CLANTON PARK AREA! ACT FAST!
Excellent starter homes, huge lots, building plans, financing, great potential. *M. Harari 224-2800.

YONGE/CLARK LUXURY TOWNHOUSE
Priced to sell! 3 bdrms, bright white kitchen, huge family rm, marble fireplace, completely upgraded. *Evelyn Sylman 223-5100.

PRESTIGIOUS BAYVIEW/GLKEN
Magnificent! Approx. 9,000 sq. ft. on 3 levels to be created by Ekbatan/Interbuilt. Call listing agent for Schedule. *Heike Motahedin 449-0090.

JUST LISTED — BATHURST/MILNER GATE
$449,900 — 3,200 sq. ft. cul-de-sac, extra large lot! Schools, transportation, shopping, etc. *David Lieberman 224-2800.

CONDOS FOR SALE

A CONDOMINIUM YOU WILL LOVE TO LIVE IN!!
$270,000 — 3 bdrm, centre hall plan, corner unit "Prestigious Antibes". South/West exposure. *Eleanor London 223-5100.

BATHURST/DREWRY
— 135 ANTIBES — MOVE-IN CONDITION
Large 2 bdrm, 2 full baths, appliances, ceramics, numerous upgrades. Must be seen!! *Sarah Rovet 224-2800.

BATHURST/TORRESDALE
Luxury 2 bdrm, den, 2,600 sq. ft., fuly upgraded. Vendor bought. Make an offer!! *Rita Krasnov 224-2800.

YONGE/WELDRICK — FABULOUS CORNER UNIT
1,510 sq. ft. Bright 2 bdrms, solarium with custom mirror, bar, family room. Don't miss this one. *Evelyn Sylman 223-5100.

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***BATHURST-GLENCAIRN**
156 DALEMOUNT
On the cul-de-sac. Renovated. Cathedral ceiling. Priced for immediate sale! Annette Rosenthal 631-6883/787-1712.

BATHURST-GLENCAIRN
Charming 3 bdrm, main floor den with walk out to garden & pool. Sauna, 2 ensuites, finished rec. rm. with bar, fireplace, cen. air, app. & more. Mrs. Rybak 787-7151.

2 Houses For Sale Private

Upper Forest Hill/ Allenby
1 year new, 2 storey detached, 3+ bedrooms, 4 baths, main floor fam. room with fireplace & w/o to deck, ultra European kitchen, bleached hardwood flrs, nanny's suite with separate entrance. Quality finishes throughout.
$759,000
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ATKINSON-CLARK
4 bdrm. 3 bath, fam. rm. w/o, den, mn. floor laundry, fin. bsmnt. Dbl. gar. Don't miss! 633-7373.

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Estate sale - 4 bdrm. 2 storey, 3 baths, 2 firepl. 50'x150' lot, gar. 633-7373.

BATHURST-SHEPPARD
4 bdrm. split level, updated kit., good size liv. & din., fam. rm., w/o, dbl. drive gar. A1 buy. 633-7373.

WILMINGTON-FINCH
Spac. custom built 4 bdrm., 4 bath, fam. rm., large kit., liv. & din. combined, fin. lower level, large lot, dble. gar. Prestige location. 633-7373.

BATHURST AT FINCH
4 bdrm. split level, ravine lot, all good sized rms., fin. lower level, w/o, extras. Quiet crescent. 633-7373.

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65 x 170 LOT!
1st ad. Faywood-Wilson. $429,900 with 3bd bung. Build your dream home! M. Konsker Homelife/ Rlty Ent. Ltd. 633-7777.

2 Houses For Sale Private

Bathurst/Lawrence - $330,000. **Nothing to do** but move into this beautifully renovated 2 bedroom bungalow with pr. drive, garage, w/o to patio, finished basement & more. 785-0136. No agents please.

Bathurst/Centre - Promenade. Beautiful, 4 bedroom, den, family room, very bright. 3100 sq. feet, under construction. November possession, must sell. Save $$$. $525,000. 738-5225.

Bathurst/Clark - Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 baths, family room, air, 2 car garage. 363-2765, 782-8505.

Bathurst/Clark - 4 bedroom, 3 washrooms, main floor family room with fireplace, large kitchen with walkout. 731-0055.

Bathurst/Eglinton - beautiful home, 3 bedrooms, centre hall, living room, dining room, self-contained basement apartment. Further potential. On lot 50x100. $ 580,000. 782-5675.

3 Houses For Rent

YONGE/CLARK ON SPRINGATE
4 bdrm, beautiful homes. Family size white kitchen, family room on main floor, 5 appliances. Zita Berkovich 224-2800 Mister Real Estate Inc.

BATHURST-STEELES. Immaculate 3 bdrm. + fam. rm., appls, air, $1,550. Ted Waxman, Ungerman Rlty., Rltr., 731-7111.

Bathurst/Searle - 3 bedroom bungalow. Finished basement, separate entrance, 7 appls., air-conditioned, garage. Close to shul, schools, TTC. October 15. $ 1,550 plus utilities. 665-1874.

Bathurst/North of Finch - 3 bedroom, furnished/ unfurnished, 2 car garage, air-conditioned, 3 washrooms, finished basement. Negotiable. 667-0808.

4 Houses For Rent Sale

Bathurst- Promenade. Sell or rent, available October 1st. 2300 sq. ft. New 4 bedroom, central air, central vac., 5 new appls., all window coverings, finished basement, ravine lot. $360,000 to sell or $2,000 to rent. Call 764-8781.

6 Condominiums For Sale

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Lynwood/Warren Rd. approx 1,250 sq. ft. apartment. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, sun deck, Jacuzzi, new kitchen, many upgrades, immediate possession, motivated vendor. $349,900.00
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CONSERVATORY CONDO
2 bdrm. + den, corner unit w. S. exposure; fully carpeted w. 5 appl., locker & parking. Over 1,700 sq. ft. of luxurious living space. Building is registered & loaded w. security & amenities. Offered at $439,000. Call Jack Samuel, 638-3927.

CO-OP TURNING CONDO
Investment Opportunity
Bathurst-Finch, 1-bdrm. unit avail. Move-in condition. Condo conversion imminent. Owner has bought. Opportunity priced at $149,000. Jack Samuel, 638-3927.
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ATRIUM I
Sheppard Yonge Subway. $299,900. Best buy for this beautiful 1 bdrm. + den condo. 2 baths, appl. 4th floor. Esther Axelrod 886-1000.

$415,000 PENTHOUSE
2 bdrm. + fam. rm. fireplace, 2-4pc bath, appl. Open balcony, corner unit - 2 park spaces. Flexible occupancy. Esther Axelrod 886-1000.

YONGE & SHEPPARD
5 Kenneth, 2 apts. upgraded 1,461 sq. ft. 2 bdrm, large sol. (den), balcony, 2 baths, bsmt. locker, east expos. Priced for fast sale. This or next yr. poss.

SENECA HILL PENTHOUSE
Renovated 3 bdrm., 38' long bal. with panoramic sunset view. Don't miss it. Call Mr. Santee Leung 441-2003/24 hr on call with carphone+pager.

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6 Condominiums For Sale

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135 ANTIBES
Large bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo apartment. Walk to schools, Shops and Synagogue. Super Buy! $249,900. Call Avril Wilson 497-2700.

6 Condominiums For Sale

• **7460 Bathurst.** Promenade. Spacious, 2 bd. corner. $267,900. Gabby Goldring, 731-7111.
• **55 Neptune Co-Op.** Renovated 3 bdrm., $129,900. Gabby Goldring, 731-7111.
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(Conservatory)
2 Bedroom Luxury Condo, Sunny den, 2 car park.
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Bathurst/Finch - Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 baths, parking & locker, one building only, full recreational facilities, immediate occupancy. See exactly what you get. Private sale $245,000. Evenings 781-9906

Bathurst/ 100 Antibes. Lovely condo, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 17th floor, corner, north exposure, fully carpeted and equipped. $229,900. 449-3682.

7 Condominiums For Rent

YONGE FINCH. "Place Nouveau." 2 bdrm., 2 bths., $1,500. Ted Waxman, Ungerman Rlty., Rltr., 731-7111.

Bathurst/Lawrence - Luxury 3 bedroom apartment with 5 appliances. Available September 1/89. $1,700/ month. 630-1926.

80 Antibes- 2 bedroom 3 appls. From September 1st. 638-2323.

Luxury 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, air, more. $1,320. 783-6796.

8 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

80 Antibes Dr. - Unit 2001 2 bd., $20,000 - worth of upgrades, west view. Asking $209,500 or $1,200/m. **Call Abe at Abe Gitalis R.E. 979-5700 days, evenings 889-7070.**

BATHURST-TORRESDALE
$239,900. 3 bdrm. condo. 2 bath, laundry ens. Appl. Open to offers.

BATHURST-CLARK
$1,250 per month. 2 bdrm condo, appl., laundry ens. Parking, steps to all.
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Bathurst/Steeles - 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, den, balcony, parking, locker. 638-2713, 520-5111.

Conservatory II- **Luxury 2 bedroom** +den, solarium +balcony, 2 baths, parking, locker, rec. facilities. 223-7835.

Courtland at Bathurst/Steeles - Luxury 2 bedroom, available for sale or rent immediately. 635-5779.

10 Accommodation Available

Furnished room for rent. Bathurst/ Centre St. area. Non-smoker. 731-3224.

Bathurst/Steeles - room for rent in house, quiet female non-smoker preferred. 738-4962, 1-705-533-3819.

Room and board, for working woman, in exchange for light housework and companionship for senior woman. Bathurst/ Lawrence. Call after 6p.m. 225-9393.

Wanted: female, kosher, serious roommate to share large fully furnished 3 bedroom in Willowdale. Close to bus. References. Phone 736-4969, no Shabat calls.

Furnished room with private bathroom. Clean, quiet, near TTC. Suitable for female. Bathurst/ Sheppard. 630-3108.

11 Accommodation Wanted

Male student requires one or two bedroom, September 1. Kosher. 785-5593.

12 Shared Accommodation

Roommate wanted to share apartment with students. Quiet, kosher, non-smoker, female preferred. Bathurst/ Wilson area. Call 631-7211.

Waterloo/Laurier - Mature male student to share apt. in house near campus. 416-487-7271.

Bathurst/Wilson - male to share very large apartment. Kosher preferred. 783-3889 mornings/ late evenings. Please leave phone number.

Yonge/Finch- 2 bedroom apartment to share. Fully furnished. $400/month, utilities included. Available immediately. Female 395-1544, after 6p.m.

York University female looking for apartment and roommate, keeps kosher, non-smoker. Call Ilana 613-725-1877.

Quiet non-smoking female needed to share 2 bedroom apartment with same. Available September 1st. Roselawn/ Chaplin. Rent $400 inclusive. Call 784-1441 after August 15.

House to share at Bathurst /Highway 7 with one woman. $700.00 per month. Kosher. Available immediately. Contact Linda or Elizabeth between 9 and 5. 961-5600.

Bathurst/ Finch Single male has one bedroom and private bath to rent in 3 bedroom apt. September 1st. Call between 4p.m. and 8p.m. 636-4370.

Danforth/ Woodbine. Elegant renovated home. Tree lined street. Bloor subway, alarm, skylights, huge kitchen, deck, garden, 6 appls. Female non-smoker. Available immediately. $650.00. 423-5760.

Roommate needed for 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury building. Furnished, Bathurst/Steeles. Male or female. Available October 1st. $500/ month- parking. Call 736-7817.

Yonge/Clark - Share luxury townhouse, 5 appliances, air-conditioned, 2½baths, deck, fireplace, steps to bus, parking. Female preferred. Immediate. $500. 764-9713.

Ottawa- Female student looking for same to share 2 bedroom apartment. 613-739-1272.

13 Apartments For Rent

Furnished 2 bedroom. Bayview/ Sheppard. Available November 1st to April 30th. 221-5475.

Bathurst/St.Clair - bright, new one bedroom basement apt. $750. 658-3135.

Eglinton/Allen Expressway - 2 bedroom, 1½ washroom, central air, carpeted, unfurnished. Laundry, TTC, available Sept. 1. 782-9619.

Bathurst/Sheppard - 2 bedroom basement apartment, separate entrance. Adults please. 633-8244.

West end, large basement bachelor for quiet single person. Separate entrance, new appliances. References. $620. 253-1249, 234-1734.

Bathurst/Glencairn - One bedroom basement apartment. Separate entrance, air-conditioned. Close to TTC and subway. $500/ month plus utilities. 960-3239.

Bathurst/Sheppard - One bedroom basement apartment, separate entrance, bachelor. $400. 630-2990.

14 Apartments Wanted

Excellent Toronto/Montreal references, professional Jewish woman, Montrealer, reliable, seeks short-term furnished Toronto sublet, 4-6 month temporary assighment beginning late September/October; central, transportation/synagogue (if possible). Evenings (514)844-1427.

19 Cottages For Rent

Lakefront
3 & 4 Bdrm. Cottages
Jackson's Point
Weekly/Monthly
Sunset View
286-0945

20 Cottages For Sale

LAKE SIMCOE WATERFRONTS

(CORPORATE RETREATS/FAMILY ENJOYMENT)

Barrie (Rosedale of Lake) $4.9M yr old, 9,000' lavish lux., 6 f/p, 6 bath, 2 chef kit, tennis crt. 3 bay boat h. Suit Royalty or Hollywood stars! Bernice Whelan, Associate Broker, bus. 705-722-7373, res. 705-722-6626.

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Barrie (Rosedale of Lake) $2.9M Everybody's dream! Fabulous 10 ac est. 385' shoreline, 5,000' of stone, glass & wood with guest wing, guest home, tennis crt. Bernice Whelan, Associate Broker, bus. 705-722-7373, res. 705-722-6626.

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Barrie (Rosedale of Lake) $4.5M The ultimate in quality/design boat h. Pool, 175' sand beach. Bernice Whelan, Associate Broker, bus. 705-722-7373, res. 705-722-6626.

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Res: 705-722-6626

Cottage(s) on sandy beach/ boating/ Bracebridge area. $75,000. 782-2533, 488-2696.

23 Florida Property For Rent

North Miami Beach, Miami Gardens. One bedroom, 1½ baths, newly decorated, new appls., $700/ month. 630-3574 evenings.

24 Florida Property For Sale

Boca Raton Country Club
SUPER BUYS!
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Falls of Inverrary. 2 bedroom convertible, 2 baths, 4 ceiling fans, dome ceiling kitchen. Completely furnished or unfurnished. On golf course, low maintenance, 24 hour security. Mid-50's negotiable. 305-733-6322.

26 Florida Accommodations Wanted

Wanted to rent for winter months: 1 or 2 bedroom, 1½ baths in Century Village, Deerfield Beach. Excellent References. 514-481-4785.

31 Industrial/ Commercial Space

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EGLINTON/BATHURST
TOTALLY RENOVATED RETAIL SPACE
• North side ground floor
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• CAC, security, parking.

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Basement for rent for storage. 1500 square ft. in a store. Bathurst/Cedarcroft. 739-7662, from 11:00-5:30.

33 Vacation Properties

For rent or Sale
Bellewart waterfront. 2 adjacent new homes. 6 bedroom, 3 bedroom, all city comforts. 416-741-3584, 705-456-3698.

36 Investment Properties

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Ethel Donenfeld** will take place on Sunday, August 27, 1989, 1:00pm. at Mount Sinai Cemetery at the New Beth Shalom Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Coffee contest held

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — From spout to sip to aah.

That's how this taster and coffee devotee found Rombouts One-Cup Coffee, a finalist in a leading recently held international gourmet competition in the U.S.

The Belgian filter coffee comes in pre-packed disposable plastic canisters that fit on top of a cup. Drinkers add boiling water, wait until it percolates down, and begin drinking. The aah is sure to follow.

This taster found that the heady continental blend aroma lingered on long after his cup of coffee was finished — thanks to the discarded canister in the wastebasket by the desk.

According to Markham-based distributor Lloyd Duckman phone: (416) 470-2333, Rombout is the leading imported coffee in Israel and in the United Kingdom. It is popular across Europe.

The coffee sells at food shops for about $5 for a 10-canister pack. Yes, it's available decaffeinated.

This taster, too lazy to ever persist in making brewed or filtered coffee in a household where no one else drinks coffee, found the convenience of the Rombouts system delightful. That convenience is promoted as ideal for this day and age, by Rombouts.

Rombouts and a bulk-pack ground coffee were among the four finalists in the best beverage category of the 35th annual International Fancy Food and Confection show, in Atlanta, Georgia. "Rombouts was the only filter coffee in the finalists," Brian Wilson, Rombouts' Markham North American operations' head, told The CJN. The food show competition included 50 other coffee makers.

The Markham office operates a subsidiary in Buffalo, N.Y., which directs U.S. distribution.

While bearing no certification symbol, Rombouts is "definitely kosher. It's made under the supervision of the chief rabbi of Amsterdam," Lloyd Duckman told The CJN. "I have cousins in the States who are Lubavitchers. They drink Rombouts without hesitation."

Duckman and his wife Judy first discovered Rombouts on a visit to Israel. "It's very popular there, and served in almost all of the hotels. The pride of filtered coffee is one of the factors listed in calculating the cost of living index," he said.

They discovered that Rombouts was "a way of life" in Belgium and France. In Japan, it's "the gift to give," much the way guests bring their hosts wine or chocolates here.

A second cup, anyone?

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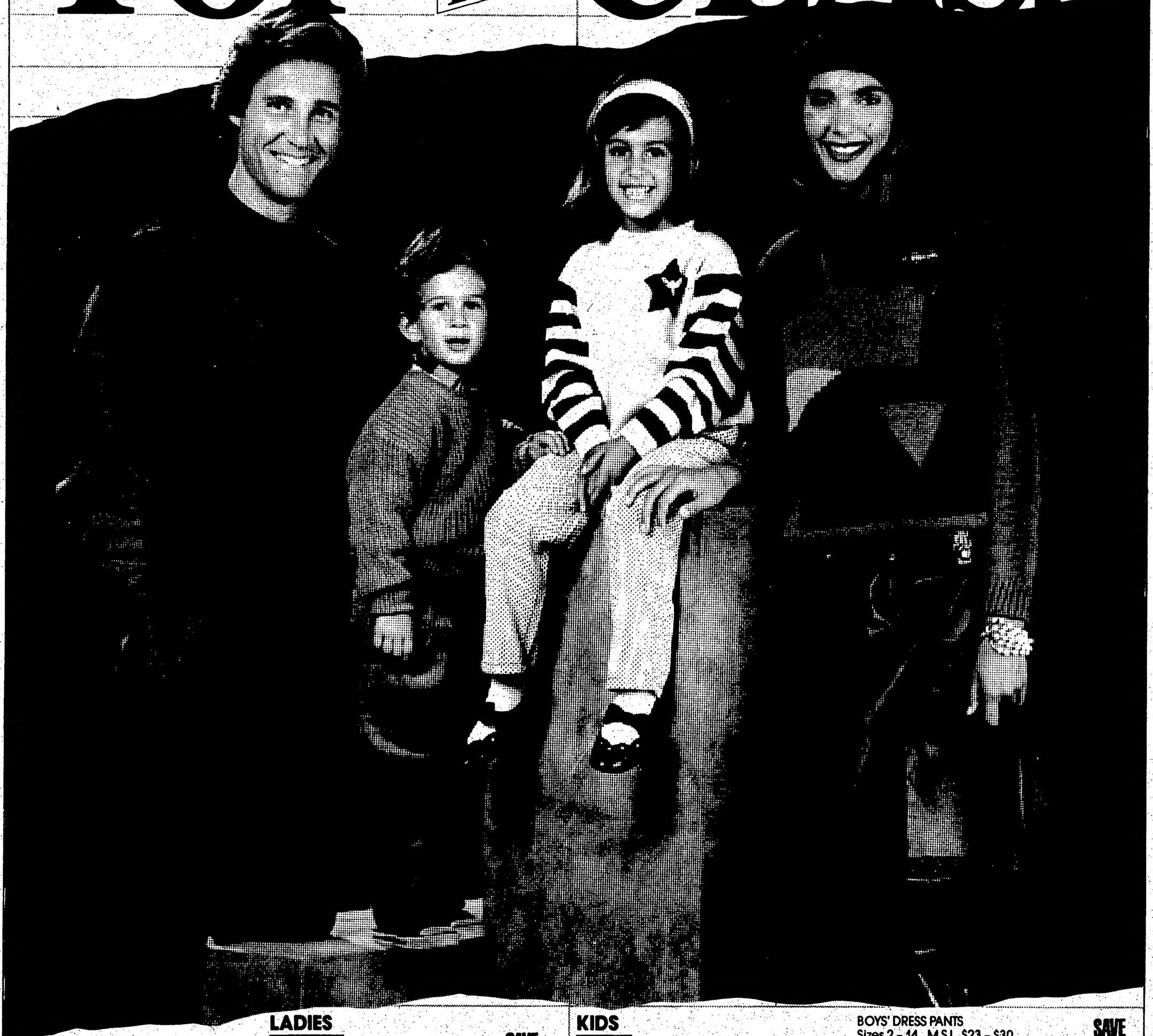

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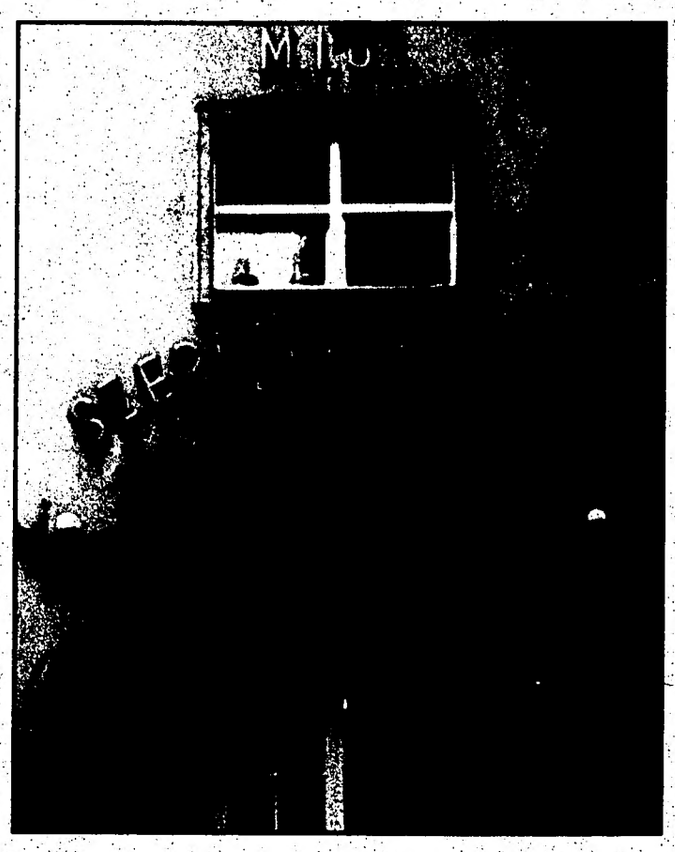
THE JEWS OF HUNGARY

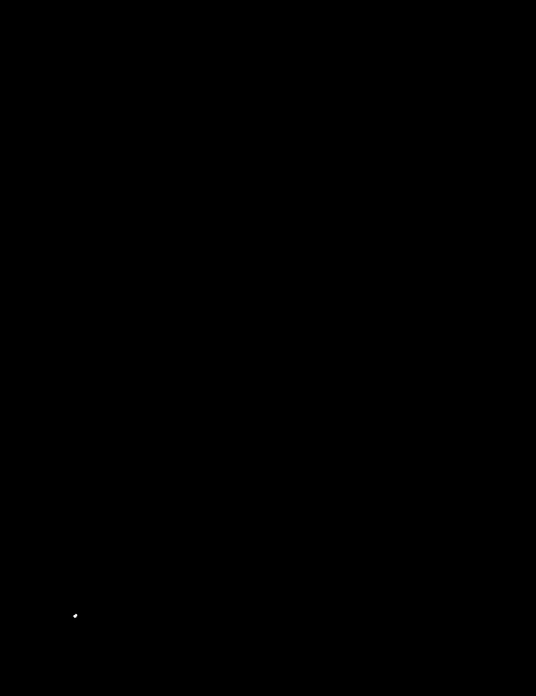
A Story of Survival and Rebirth

Hungary today has the largest Jewish community in Eastern Europe: over 100,000 souls help keep traditions alive in a nation that has had a Jewish population since the 9th century, A.D. During World War II, the Jews of Hungary remained relatively untouched until 1944, when in just a matter of months, Nazi forces sent 450,000 people to their deaths at concentration camps.

Today, the Jewish community of Hungary is experiencing a rebirth. The central synagogue on Dohany Street in Budapest, a magnificent 130-year-old Moorish structure, is the object of renewed interest and commitment. An international fund-raising drive is helping restore the synagogue. In Budapest, there is a Kosher food factory (the only one behind the Iron Curtain), a Jewish museum, a rabbinical seminary (the only one in Eastern Europe), a Jewish afternoon school and a kosher community kitchen. In the countryside, Jewish children enjoy the nation's sole Jewish summer camp.

The Hungarian government has also shown interest. It has promised to match dollar for dollar all donations toward the restoration of the Dohany Street Synagogue. Well-known actor Tony Curtis is heading this campaign through the New York based Emanuel Foundation, named for Curtis' late father, Emanuel Schwartz, who had been a leader in the Hungarian Jewish community.





THE MIOK HOSPITAL

Despite the revival of Jewish life in Hungary, there remains one facility which urgently needs our help. The Miok Hungarian Jewish Charity Home and Hospital (Amerikai Ut 53, Budapest) was built in 1914 as a shelter home for the local *chevra kadisha* (burial society).

In 1952, the government converted the building into a hospital and charity home, the only one in Central and Eastern Europe to function under the supervision of the Orthodox rabbinate. Today, the hospital contains 125 beds for the sick (who are mainly elderly) and 65 beds for the chronic elderly. But because the Jewish population is aging rapidly and many of its members, when they fall ill, want to stay at the hospital for its Kosher food and on-premises synagogue, demand for more beds has outstripped supply. Additional beds have had to be placed in the hospital's corridors, leading to overcrowded and impersonal conditions.

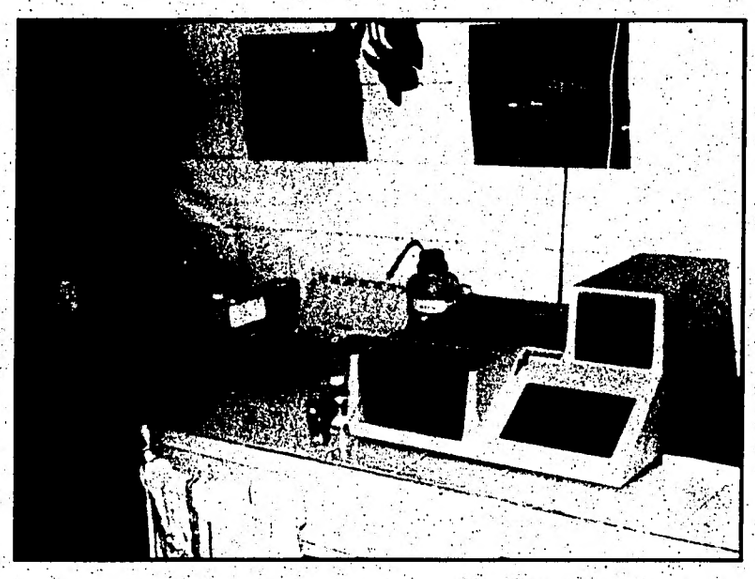
Patients are aged, in deteriorating health, and usually cannot look after themselves.

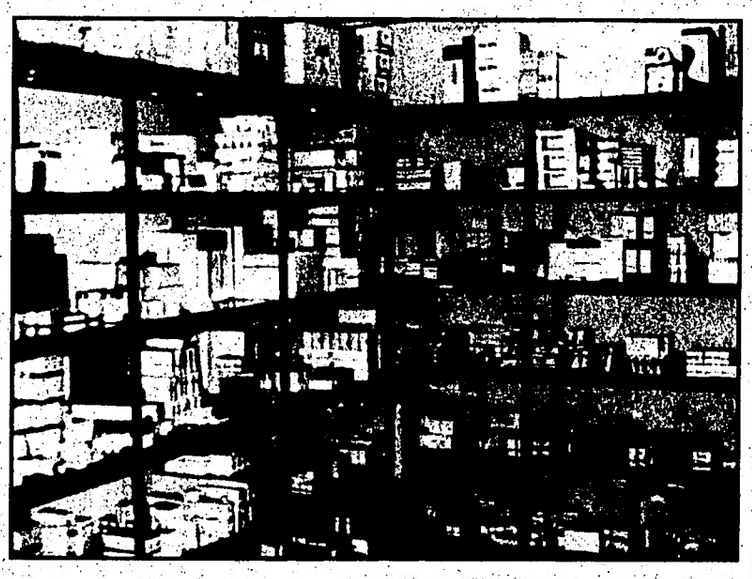
Many are Holocaust survivors. As such, they deserve better.

B'nai Brith Canada, during its leadership mission to Hungary, was sensitized to the many needs of the hospital. As a result, the organization has spearheaded the initiative in Canada to aid the Jewish Charity Hospital.

Medical equipment, drugs, beds, and instruments are urgently needed. The hospital, which itself needs renovation, has plans to build a new wing, and the Reichmann family of Toronto has very generously offered to make a contribution of $426,000 toward its construction.

To help our Jewish brethren live out their days in dignity and in more pleasant surroundings, we are embarking on a drive in Canada and the United States to raise $1 million (U.S.) over three years toward refurbishing the existing building, the construction of a new wing and the purchase of urgently needed medical supplies.





AN APPEAL FOR THE MIOK HUNGARIAN JEWISH CHARITY HOME & HOSPITAL IN BUDAPEST

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The Miok Hungarian Jewish Charity Hospital needs supplies. The facility's only electrocardiogram (ECG) is 10 years old. Some of its beds are 40 years old. Badly-needed Western-produced drugs are unavailable due to lack of foreign currency. Other shortages plague the hospital and prevent it from carrying out its important work.

Wards are cramped, with as many as eight patients per room. Corridors are dark and narrow. There are only a few washrooms on each floor. The six staff doctors are over-worked.

Last year, Drs. Susan Deutsch and Sandor Galambos of the hospital visited Canada to observe our system of geriatric medicine and to help the appeal for funds. Already, Toronto pharmaceutical manufacturer Leslie Dan has contributed a large supply of drugs. But what other hospitals take for granted, the Miok Hospital needs desperately. An example of the facility's immediate requirements:

- antibiotics
- chairs
- intensive care beds
- pillows
- IV bottle stands
- eating trays
- assorted drugs
- night tables
- wheelchairs
- bathing chairs
- diastolic agents
- gurneys
- sheets
- catheters
- call buzzers

The list goes on.
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